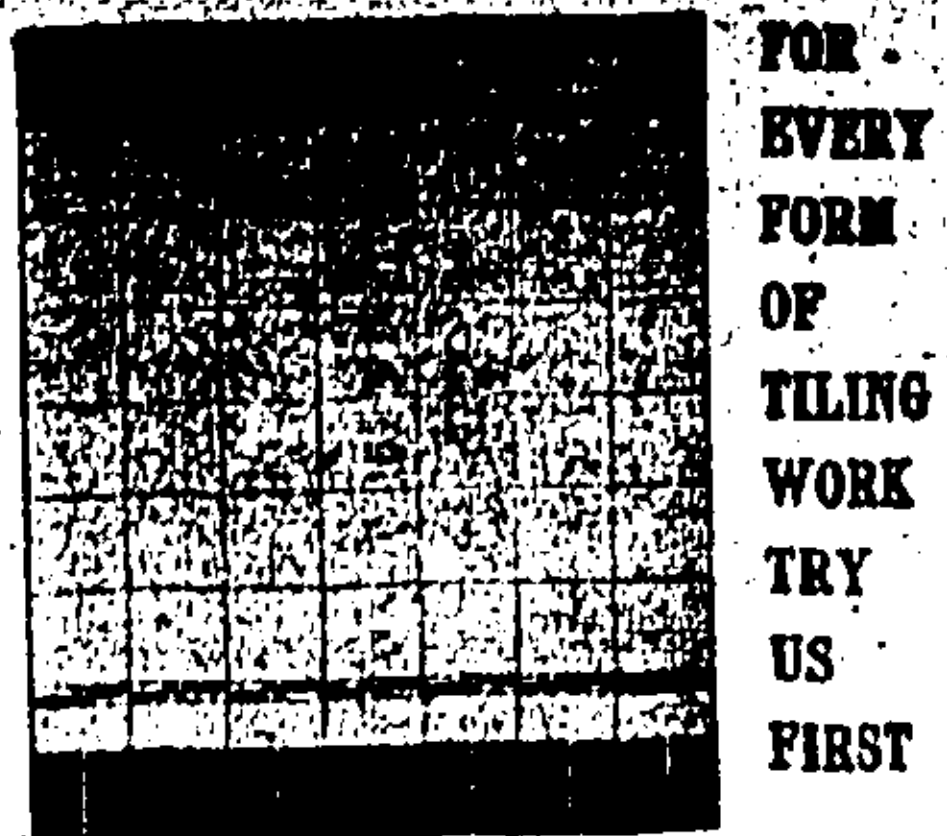




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SILVER STABILISATION URGED IN SHANGHAI.

BRITISH CHAMBER WIRES LONDON.

ARTIFICIAL MEANS JUSTIFIED.

MR. MARSHALL GIVES OPINION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Apr. 10. A disclosure that the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai has recently addressed a cable to responsible authorities in London, strongly urging that an attempt be made to secure international action for the stabilisation of silver prices, was made last evening at the annual meeting of the Chamber.

The meeting, which was held at the Shanghai Club, was well attended, the principal speech being made by Mr. Calder Marshall, who is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

On the silver issue, Mr. Calder Marshall said that though they realised that any improvement effected in the value of silver by artificial means would be but temporary, and that the real value of silver must ultimately depend upon the law of supply and demand, nevertheless, they felt that the time had come when artificial means should be employed.

Need For Action.

In view of the very serious depression in trade in all countries, it was in the interests of those countries that they should restore in some way the reduced purchasing power of the Eastern countries, who were tied to a silver currency.

While China's purchasing power was reduced by half, the industrial depression in Britain, America and elsewhere, and the consequent unemployment, was accentuated.

International action for the stabilisation of silver was fully justified at this stage in the crisis, and in this mind, the Committee of the Chamber has cabled to London strongly urging that an attempt be made to secure international action.

Railway Debts.

Speaking of railways—and his statement seems important in view of the fact that he has been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund—he mentioned the unpaid railway debts which had been outstanding for a number of years. Payment, Mr. Marshall added, seems as far off as ever.

Inasmuch as the debts were incurred for Government property, for much material for which payment is in default, which is still in regular use, it is the primary duty of the Government to meet their obligations for materials supplied before allocating sums to other non-productive services.

The settlement of these and other debts would do much to re-establish China's credit in the world markets.

Extrality Views.

The Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, Mr. Marshall went on, is not antagonistic to modifications of the extraterritorial clauses of treaties so far as the modifications were justified by the changed conditions in China.

But the Chamber felt that during the evolutionary period, until China is able to assure effective protection and justice for British nationals, such as given to Chinese in Great Britain, adequate safeguards must be provided in order that personal property and rights receive full protection, and that the large commercial and industrial interests were not jeopardised.

PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK.

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN'S OBJECTS.

New York, Apr. 9.

The object of Mr. Montagu Norman's visit, according to authoritative quarters in Wall Street, has been to discuss such matters as the maladministration of the world's gold supply, the depressed price of silver, and the effect of the silver collapse upon world trade.

It is emphasised that the visit is in no way connected with any agreement on the subject of debt payments.—*Reuter.*

LADY SKI-ER KILLED IN COLLISION.

MURDERED SIRDAR'S DAUGHTER.

London, Apr. 9.

A terrible accident, in which a young British lady visitor to Switzerland was killed to-day, is reported by *Reuter's* correspondent at Scheidegg.

While skiing on the southern slopes of Lauberhorn, near Jungfrau, above Kleine Scheidegg, Miss Helen Stack, the only daughter of the late Major-General Sir Stack, former Governor-General of Sudan and Sirdar of the Egyptian Army (who was assassinated in Cairo in 1924) collided with another English ski-er, Mr. Lionel Balfour.

Miss Stack, who was only 25 years of age, received a fracture of the skull and died almost instantaneously, while Mr. Balfour was severely injured and is now lying in hospital.—*Reuter.*

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT G.C.H.

CARELESSNESS OF A CLEANER.

Not a little excitement was caused among the staff and patients at the Government Civil Hospital this morning when, whilst one of the servants was working in an empty ward, the floor caught alight. The woodwork was badly charred but otherwise no damage was done.

It appears that the servant was waxing the floor on the second storey of B2 Block at about ten o'clock this morning and had put the tin of wax on the fire in the room to heat it. Apparently he left the room and, on returning, found that the tin had caught alight and that the flames had spread to the floor.

A message was sent to the Fire Brigade but the staff, with the aid of foam extinguishers, subdued the flames without outside assistance. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police, was early on the scene.

OPERATION ON MR. HAMAGUCHI.

RESIGNATION RUMOUR UNFOUNDED.

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

Owing to indications that the Premier's condition was growing worse, a further operation was carried out at a late hour last night, and five grammes of pus were removed.

It is understood that the operation was not a serious one and proved satisfactory. It was reported to-night that the Premier had resigned but there is no foundation for this rumour.—*Reuter.*

A later message states that a Cabinet meeting, which was expected to settle whether the Government should resign, was to be held this morning, after which Baron Shidehara would proceed to hospital to inform Mr. Hamaguchi of the results of the operation.

COALFIELDS TO SUPPLY BRITISH PETROL.

POSSIBILITY OF NEAR FUTURE.

GREAT ADVANCE MADE IN RESEARCH.

COMPANY FORMED.

London, Apr. 9.

The greatest interest has been aroused by the recent announcement of the formation of an International Company, holding the patents and interests of several leading companies in the several hydro-generation processes for producing oil from coal.

The possibility is envisaged that when research work has been completed, the British coal industry will obtain a wonderful new opening for its products, and that petrol will be produced in England saleable at a cost as cheap, if not cheaper than the natural product.

The announcement of the formation of the company gives point to the references to the technical progress in these processes made by Sir Harry McGowan as chairman, at the annual meeting of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, which is one of the companies concerned.

Striking Developments.

Sir Harry stated that research had led to striking developments and the experiments were being continued until they had produced, with no appreciable loss, a petrol having anti-knock qualities equal to the finest grades now on the market.

The pooling of the resources of the leading world groups is bound to be of great commercial importance in the near future.—*British Wireless.*

Satisfactory Tests at Sea.

Mr. George Hall, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Ponty-ridd recently made some important statements on the research work of the Admiralty in connexion with the production of fuel oil from coal.

During the last 12 or 18 months, he said, it had been proved that oil produced from coal could be used as a fuel, and it gave almost the same results as natural oil.

The Admiralty had been in communication with a number of low-temperature carbonisation works in England, which had submitted samples of oil for laboratory tests. Afterwards a number of the works sent 20 tons of oil each for trial in boilers on shore and at sea. The engineers reported that four out of five of these samples gave satisfactory results, and that in some of the most important factors they were as good as natural oil.

Price Difficulty.

They had had an offer of a bulk supply at a price not far in excess of the world price of oil. The question of price was the difficulty. There was some overlap and waste between the industries in this country producing coal, gas, and electricity, whereas there should be co-ordination so that the waste of one should go towards the production of power in the other.

In Holland there was a State coal-mining industry, and it was about the only coal-mining industry in the world that was paying at the present time. The Dutch were developing their by-products works in connexion with this industry, and not separately, as was done in this country.

With proper organisation of power-producing industry in this country, instead of the nation spending as it did in the last year nearly £42,000,000 for the importation of oil, a very large proportion of that money could be expended on oil produced from our own coalfields, and thus minimise the present depression of the coal industry.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

Tientsin, Apr. 9.

The strike of workers at the Tientsin Railway has terminated, and the workers have returned to work.

U.S. Politician Passes Away.

Death of Nicholas Longworth.

WET ADVOCATE.

New York, Apr. 9.

Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who for some days has been lying gravely ill at Aiken, South Carolina, suffering from pneumonia, died to-day. He was 61 years of age.

A politician of long standing and considerable note, he was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, of which his father was a wealthy citizen. He was educated at Harvard, studying law, took his LL.B. degree and was called to the Bar in 1884.

At the age of 30 he was elected to the Ohio State Parliament, and in 1901 to its Senate. Two years later he was sent to the House of Representatives, and sat as a Congressman for Ohio until his death, with one interval from 1915 to 1917.

He married in 1905, "Princess Alice," the daughter of President Roosevelt and during their honeymoon voyage round the world they were everywhere received with almost royal honours.

From 1923 to 1925, Mr. Longworth was leader of the Republican Party in the House, and in 1925 he was elected Speaker.

His position there was so strong that he was able to enter the lists against President Coolidge on the question in 1927, and he left the Chair in order to appeal successfully to the House to side with the Senate in voting credits for three new cruisers. He laid down the dictum that Congress was morally bound to go below the ratio agreed upon at the Washington Conference.

In the autumn he was talked of as a Republican nominee for the Presidency. His candidature was pushed by two of the cleverest women in American politics—his wife, and Mrs. McCormick, widow of the Senator and daughter of Senator Mark Hanna. His frank advocacy of the "wet" cause handicapped him, and on President Hoover's nomination as Presidential candidate, he returned to the House of Representatives as Speaker.—*Reuter and I. B. S.*

KING'S IMPROVED CONDITION.

RAPID RECOVERY NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

London, Apr. 9.

It was officially stated at Windsor Castle to-day that the improvement in the King's condition is maintained. He signed a number of State documents and transacted official business in his room.

It is emphasised in authoritative circles that a rapid recovery is not to be looked for. The *British Medical Journal* to-day stresses the fact that recovery from sub-acute bronchitis, such as the King has been suffering from, must take time, especially occurring at the end of the winter.—*British Wireless.*

BOMBAY GOVERNOR IN ILL-HEALTH.

GOING TO EUROPE FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT.

London, Apr. 9.

It is announced that Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay Presidency, is leaving for home on leave on April 25 on medical advice.

Sir G. E. B. Hutton will act as Governor in his absence. It is learned that Sir Frederick Sykes was faced with the alternative of undergoing treatment only in Europe, or of resigning.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST EUROPEAN FLIER.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A CHEQUE.

INTERCEPTION OF A LETTER.

COOLIE'S STORY.

Described as a native of Hungary and an air pilot by profession, Harry Simon, aged 21, until recently living at the Kowloon Hotel, appeared on remand before Mr. Williams, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with stealing or obtaining by means of false pretences a cheque for \$300 made out in the name of A.W. Summers and belonging to The L. E. Gale Company.

Accused pleaded "not guilty" to the charge.

A second charge of possession of an automatic pistol and ammunition without a permit was also brought, to which Simon returned a plea of "guilty".

The Case Outlined.

Detective Inspector Shannon, prosecuting, outlined the case for the police. He said that about January 20 defendant was in Shanghai when he made the acquaintance of an air pilot, Mr. Curtis, in the employ of The L. E. Gale Company with whom he was on rather friendly terms and whom he frequently visited at the latter's rooms at the Y.M.C.A. there.

Later on, about February 7 or 8, Simon left Shanghai and came down to Hongkong. Here he also made the acquaintance of the people belonging to The L. E. Gale Company.

Coming to the incident of the cheque, Inspector Shannon said that on March 18, Mr. A. W. Summers, who is the Hongkong Manager for the company, wired to the head office in Shanghai asking for an advance of \$300 on the office account. He was rather short on office account. He received a reply on the following day by wire, saying that a cheque had been mailed.

Sent to Mr. Summers.

On the morning of the 23rd Mr. Summers went to Canton with Mr. Curtis, who had come down to Hongkong in the meantime. On that same day, the stenographer in his office received a registered letter from Shanghai, which the stenographer enclosed together with a letter addressed to Mr. Curtis, in another cover. This cover she had registered and addressed to Mr. Summers, c/o the Victoria Hotel, Shamone, and it was given to the messenger boy to post at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

Mr. Summers returned from Canton on the 26th. He had not received the letter addressed to him at Canton up to that date. He questioned the stenographer about it, and she told him that it had been forwarded on the 23rd, and he then thought it possible it might have been hung up in the Chinese Post Office. Mr. Summers waited until April 1, and in the meantime he had written to Shamone.

Forged Signature.

On the 1st, Mr. Summers went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and, on enquiring, was shown a cheque already paid out. It was presented at the Kowloon branch of the Bank, on the 28th, signed "A. W. Summers." The signature was not his. It was an open cheque and the Bank had taken no particular notice of it. Mr. Stabb, the European who received it, at the branch, said all he could remember was that it was cashed by a foreigner and was paid out over the counter in the ordinary way. He had no particular recollection of what the man who cashed it looked like. Unfortunately, continued Inspector Shannon, the Chinese cashier who paid out the money was now on leave, and would not be back until the end of the month.

Defendant's Account.

Mr. Simon's account of the case was that he had been in Shanghai when he met Mr. Curtis, and that he had been in Canton when he met Mr. Summers.

SCHNEIDER CUP SECRET.

400 MILES AN HOUR ON THE FLAT.

THE BRITISH TEAM SELECTED.

ONE MEMBER ONLY 22 YEARS OLD.

FRENCH MYSTERY.

London, Apr. 9.

While the most elaborate precautions are being taken to prevent a leakage of information regarding the high speed planes upon which Britain and France will rely for the Schneider Trophy Race, preparations are proceeding apace, and there is no doubt that this year's event will be more thrilling than ever.

Britain's Trophy team of seven pilots, now assembled at Felixstowe under the command of Squadron Leader Orlebar, have gone into strict training for the contest which will take place over the Solent in September.

Secret Preparations.

Teams representing France and Italy will challenge Great Britain on this occasion, and all three countries are engaged in secret preparations for the race.

If Great Britain wins the Race once again, she will retain the Trophy, having won it in 1927 and defended it successfully in the 1929 contest.

The team chosen for the race has had a wide experience in high speed aircraft flying. Squadron Leader Orlebar holds the World's speed record of about 368 miles per hour, and although no members of the team actually participated in the 1929 race, four were trained in readiness for that contest and all are trained high speed pilots.

The British Team.

The members of the team are about 30 years old, with the exception of Flying Officer Leach, who is only 22 years of age. Other members of the team are Flight Lieutenant Stainforth, who was formerly an officer in the Regular Army and who was reserve pilot in 1929; Flight Lieutenants Hope and Long, both of whom have been stationed at Felixstowe for some time and have had opportunity of flying high speed machines, Lieutenant Brinton, who is the first member of the Fleet Air Arm to be a member of a racing team; Flight Lieutenant Boothman, who has been carrying on special high speed research work on the 1929 Schneider Trophy machines in the past year; and Flying Officer Smith, who went to Felixstowe as a seaplane test pilot, where he has had wide high speed experience.

Early Trainings.

During the training at Felixstowe, to be followed in about two months' time by a special course at Calshot on Southampton Water, the team will at first fly Fairey Flycatchers, and Fairey Firefly machines, which possess a speed of over 200 miles per hour, will also be used in preliminary stages.

Other machines that will be available will be the Supermarine Napier Five, which won the 1927 race, the Gloster Napier Four and the Supermarine Rolls-Royce Six machines, which have been modified since the 1929 race was won with one of them.

Secrecy is observed regarding two other machines which are now under construction. The speeds of which these machines are capable are also kept a secret, but the possibility of about 400 miles per hour being reached "on the flat" is confidently discussed.

The last Schneider contest raised the speed for the race from 201 to 323 miles per hour, and Orlebar's world record raised the flat speed of the previous record from 319 miles to 368 miles per hour.—*British Wireless.*

Paris Schneider Secret.

The times, secret in relation to the Schneider race, are being kept a secret by the French Government.



Squadron Leader Orlebar and Lieut. Stainforth.

MADEIRA REBELS BLOCKADED.

ALL PORTS CLOSED TO COMMERCE.

Lisbon, Apr. 9.

An official decree issued by the Portuguese Government in connexion with the revolt in Madeira, imposes a virtual blockade of the islands.

The decree closes all ports in the Madeira Archipelago to commerce and navigation and prohibits communication between the inhabitants and the outside world, except as regards ships entering and leaving for the evacuation of foreigners.

The decree imposes special penalties for commerce in arms and ammunition and orders the immediate trial by a tribunal aboard one of the expeditionary ships, of all infringing the decree.—*Reuter.*

RECORD FLIGHT IN SIGHT.

MR. SCOTT TAKING OFF FOR PORT DARWIN.

Melbourne, Apr. 9.

Mr. Scott, the Queensland airman who left Lympne on the 1st instant in an effort to break Kingsford Smith's record to Australia, is now nearing his last lap.

He arrived at Bima yesterday, and is leaving for Port Darwin to-day. He is using a Gipsy 120 h.p. machine.—*Reuter.*

The flight to Bima took him eight days, and the hop to Port Darwin (960 miles) is expected to enable him to beat the record.

GIRLS FOUND IN THE STREETS.

TWO TAKEN TO POLICE STATIONS.

Two small Chinese girls, who were found wandering in the streets, were taken to Police Stations yesterday, one of them later being sent to the Po Leung Kuk. About 6 o'clock last evening a girl aged about six years was found in Gilles Avenue, Hingham, and was unable to give a satisfactory account of herself. The second girl was taken to the Mongkok Police Station by Wong Lai-chuen, of the Wing Wo Lung Soy Factory, of 287, Portland Street.

FISHING FLEET DISASTER.

HUNDRED VESSELS SUNK OFF KOREA.

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

One hundred and twenty-five fishing vessels were drowned off the south-west coast of Korea, on Monday, according to Japanese reports.

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**VOLUNTEER CORPS
ON PARADE.**
GENERAL ON THE NEED FOR
MEN TO JOIN UP.
SMART APPEARANCE.

The officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps had every reason to be well satisfied with the result of the annual parade before the General Officer Commanding (G.O.C.), Major General J. W. Sandilands, which took place on the Murray parade ground last evening, this marking one of the smartest displays yet credited to the Corps.

A feature of the event was the parading of the Armoured Car Company, complete with two cars and signal lorries, but every unit played its part in the success of the parade and fully merited the generous tribute of the General Officer Commanding, who addressed the Corps after the march past.

A large crowd of spectators surrounded the parade ground and watched the evolutions with keen interest. The Armoured Car Company under Lieut. H. G. Williams, and the Battery, under Second-Lieut. De Ville, assembled on the ground, and awaited the arrival of the remainder of the Corps from headquarters. They were headed by the full band of pipers and the brass band, and paraded under the Commandant, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Other officers in the parade were Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and the Adjutant, Capt. W. H. G. Genter. The units comprised the Engineer Company (Capt. M. Johnson, M.M.), Battery (Second-Lieut. De Ville), Corps Signals (Lieut. J. H. Bottomley), Machine Gun Troop (Lieut. A. H. Potts), Armoured Car Company (Lieut. H. G. Williams), Scottish Company (Capt. H. R. Forsyth), Machine Gun Company (Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell), Portuguese Company (Capt. R. R. Davies), and Medical section (Dr. E. P. Minnett).

Big Parade.
A total of 26 officers and 346 other ranks turned out, but this was not the full strength of the Corps, as 5 officers and 65 other ranks are at present on leave. The Corps were accompanied by the Colour party, and upon entering the ground, the whole battalion were drawn up with fixed bayonets facing the saluting base. A smart salute was given to the G.O.C., when he arrived accompanied by Col. S. R. V. Saville, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. R. B. Cousins, (A.D.C.), and Mr. Baskerville Glegg (A.D.C.).

The march past was carried out most efficiently, on the conclusion

**BIRTHDAY OF NOTED
CHINESE ACTOR.**
FRIENDS ENTERTAINED AT
KAM LING RESTAURANT.

In celebration of his birthday, Mr. Sit Kok-shin, the noted Chinese actor, held a reception and banquet at the Kam Ling Restaurant last night. A very large number of friends, both foreign and Chinese, attended to offer their congratulations. Mr. Sit is perhaps the best-known member of his profession in South China, and is said to occupy a position in the regard of the Chinese corresponding to that of Maurice Chevalier in the Western hemisphere.

The function, a most brilliant one, was marked by lavish hospitality, and the guests spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Music was supplied by a special orchestra, and a dance followed the banquet.

of which the Corps formed a hollow square from the middle of which Major General Sandilands addressed them. Subsequently the Corps gave the general salute, and returned to headquarters.

The General's Address.
In addressing the parade, H.E. the General Officer Commanding said:

Colonel Bird—It is a great pleasure for me to be in a position once more to carry out the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. I would like to say straight away that I am very well satisfied with everything I have seen this evening, naturally including the Mounted Units which form a new feature on parade to me. The Mounted Machine Gun Troop remind me of the far off days, some 30 years ago, when I served as a young officer in the Mounted Infantry in South Africa.

It is of course not possible for Volunteers to drill and handle their arms with the precision of Regulars, but it is always a matter of surprise to me how well Volunteers can do on an Inspection Parade, when it is remembered that the only practice they can get beforehand has to be done in their spare time.

Distinct Improvement.

It was a matter of great regret to me that owing to an accident I was not able to see more of the Officers and men while they were out in camp, but I am sure that they all realize that I would have paid them frequent visits had I been able to do so. However, the training at camp was witnessed on many occasions by members of my staff, who reported to me

HONGKONG ESTATES.
PROBATES AND LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

Ng Li-shi (or Sze), alias Li Lin-tai, married woman, late of Nos. 10 and 14, High Street, who died at No. 5a, Lai Chi Yuen, Kowloon City, on March 19, 1930, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$22,200. Probate of the will has been granted to Ng Tat-hing (son) and Lam King-fong (daughter-in-law), both of whom reside at the Lai Chi Yuen address. Bequests are of a family nature.

Local estate to the value of \$3,500 was left by the late Miss Gertrude Hinton, formerly of the Government Civil Hospital, who died at No. 7, Rainbow Hill Terrace, Worcester, England, on or about September 5, 1930. Probate has been granted to Dr. J. H. Montgomery, of the Matilda Hospital, who is the sole executor named in the will.

Lieut. Col. Luciano Jose Cordeiro, of the Portuguese Army, late of No. 55, Avenida Jose Chryastomo, Lisbon, Portugal, who died intestate at Lisbon on February 26, 1929, left Hongkong estate worth \$600. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Sophia Alisson Alves Cordeiro, of No. 8, Pateo de Boa Vista, Macao, temporarily residing at No. 41, Granville Road, Kowloon.

that really good sound work was being carried out.

It is my considered belief that there has been a distinct all round improvement in the H.K.V.D.C. since I first took over Command in Hongkong, and for this you, Colonel Bird, as Commanding Officer, deserve full credit, but I am sure that you will agree that due credit for this must also be given to Major Dowbiggin, who commanded during your absence on leave for six months, and also your new Adjutant, Captain Genter.

On an occasion such as this, it is neither possible, nor desirable, to speak at length, consequently I do not propose to make an exhaustive review of the work done throughout the year, which is more fitting for the written Annual Report of the Corps.

Why Not Join?

I feel however, that it is my duty to draw attention to the situation with regard to recruiting for the Volunteer Corps. It is true that the Corps has touched the 600 mark, which is an increase of 50 over last year, and when it is taken into consideration that many men have left for one reason and another, it means that a considerable number of new

"LADIES NIGHT."
ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT
EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

Last night's function at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, which took the form of the usual monthly "Ladies Night," was one of the happiest of this winter's very successful series, and an unusually large gathering of members and their friends, enjoyed a varied and well-selected programme.

Those two local artists, who are now firmly established favourites at any entertainment, Messrs. Winram and True, "damaged" the piano in such an effective manner as to leave one with the opinion that such a pastime was not only an excellent method of expending superfluous energy, but also provided an attractive entertainment.

In addition, Mrs. Robson, Mr. T. G. Paterson, and Miss F. McGill, sang several pleasing songs, and finally, or rather mid-way through the evening, the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players presented the one-act play "The Twelve Pound Look," which, for a combination of wit, drama and pathos, was typical of its author, Sir James Barrie. Those appearing in this very successful performance were N. V. Hayward, Margaret Birt, Kathleen P. Curtin and E. R. Price.

men have been recruited. But I still believe that there must be many young men, especially in Government employment, who could produce no sound reason or excuse for not joining the Volunteers, which represents the only potential reserve for the Regular Army in the defence of the Colony.

It has always been a matter of surprise to me how difficult it is to arrive at any conclusion as to how many men there are in the Colony who are eligible to join the Volunteers, but I trust that the census which has recently been taken will provide information such as will make it possible to arrive at the number of those who are evading their obligations to the British Empire.

In conclusion, I would like to pay a tribute to all the Officers and Other Ranks who are on parade this evening. Not only am I satisfied with their work, but I, as the man who is responsible for the defence of Hongkong, appreciate their keen sense of duty, which is sufficient to cause them to devote a considerable amount of their leisure hours towards making themselves efficient in their military duties.

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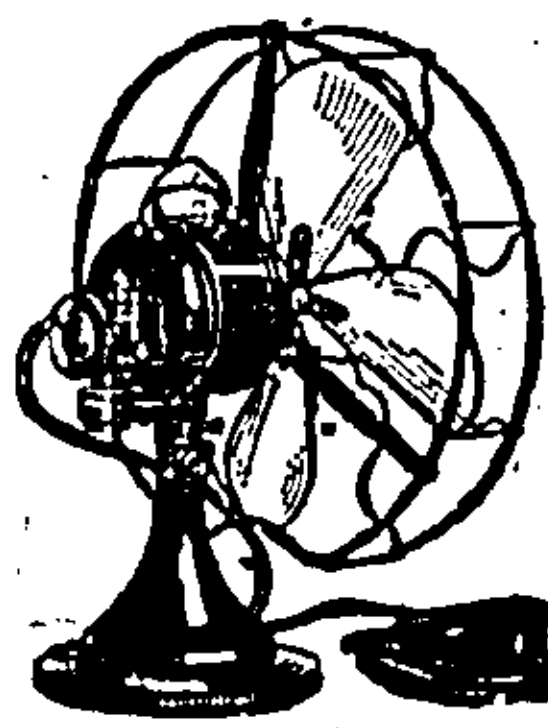
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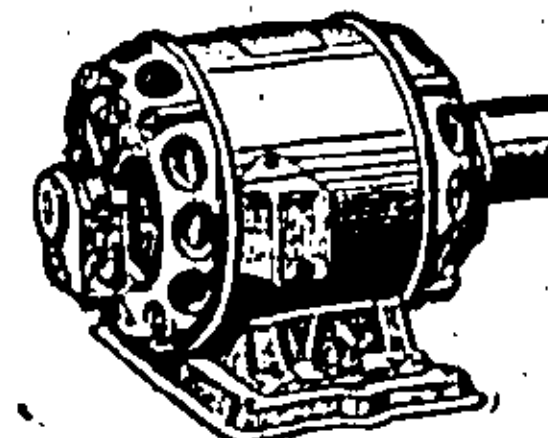
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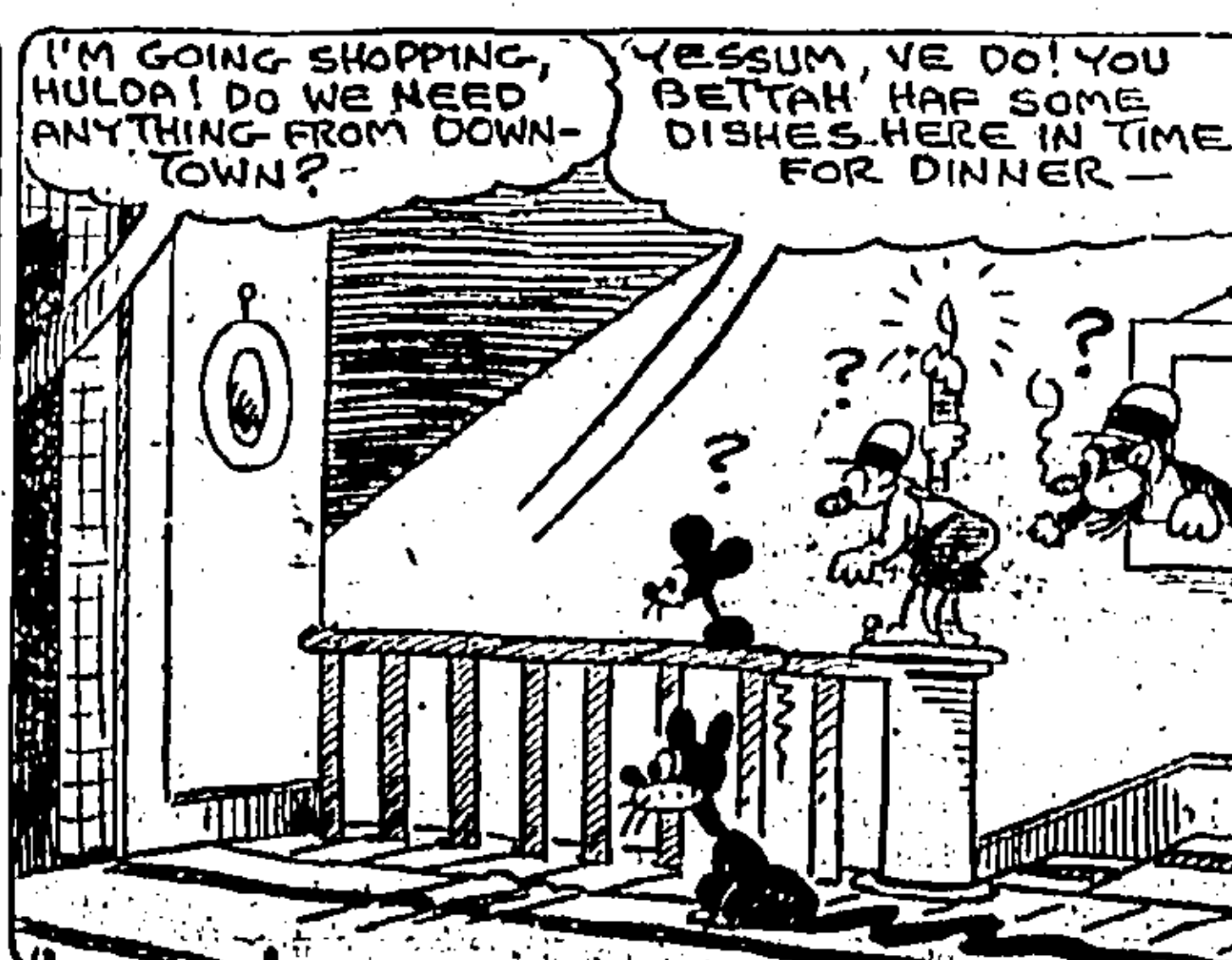
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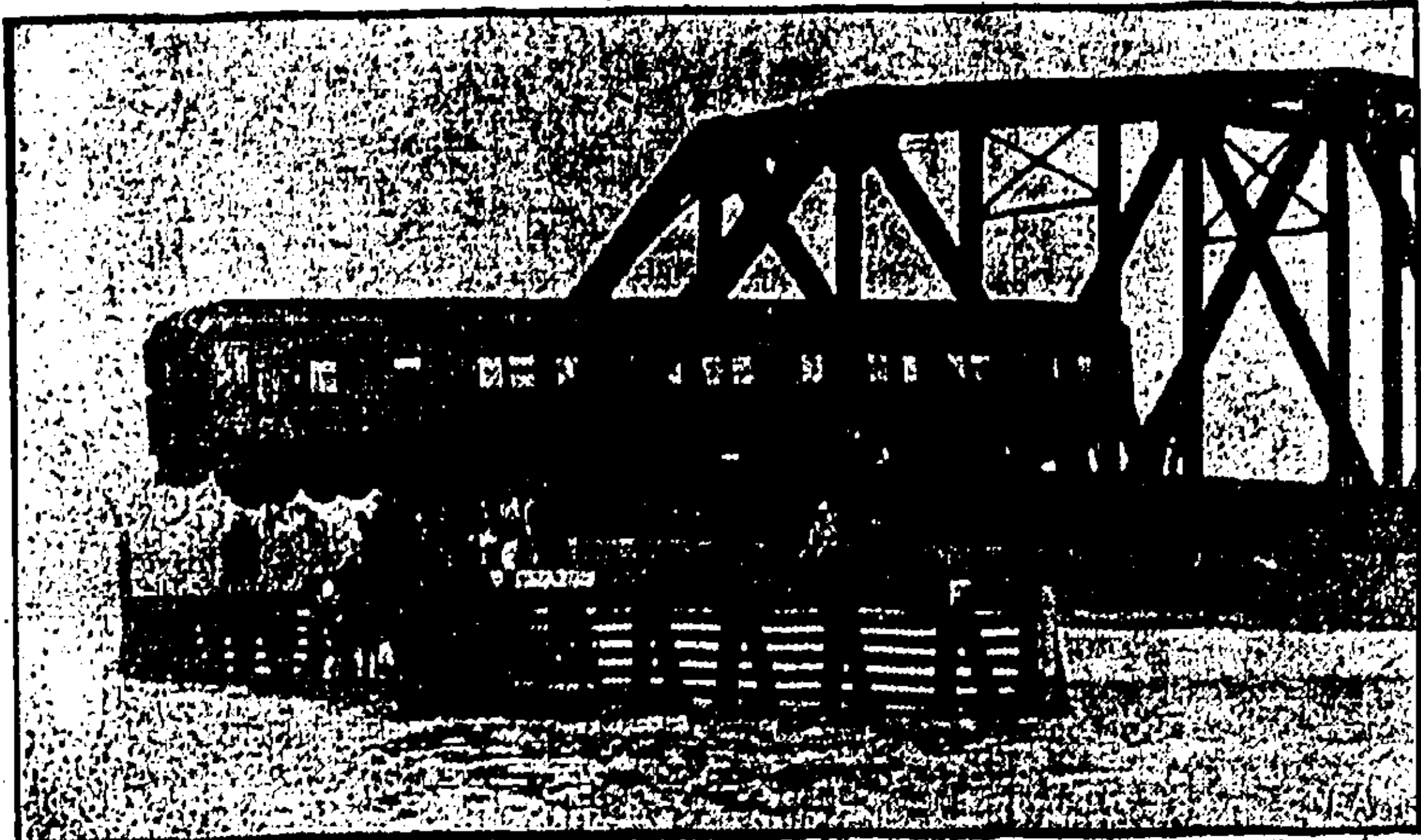
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Doesn't Look Like It!

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I DON'T TINK DIS CHINA VILL LAST TILL DEN!



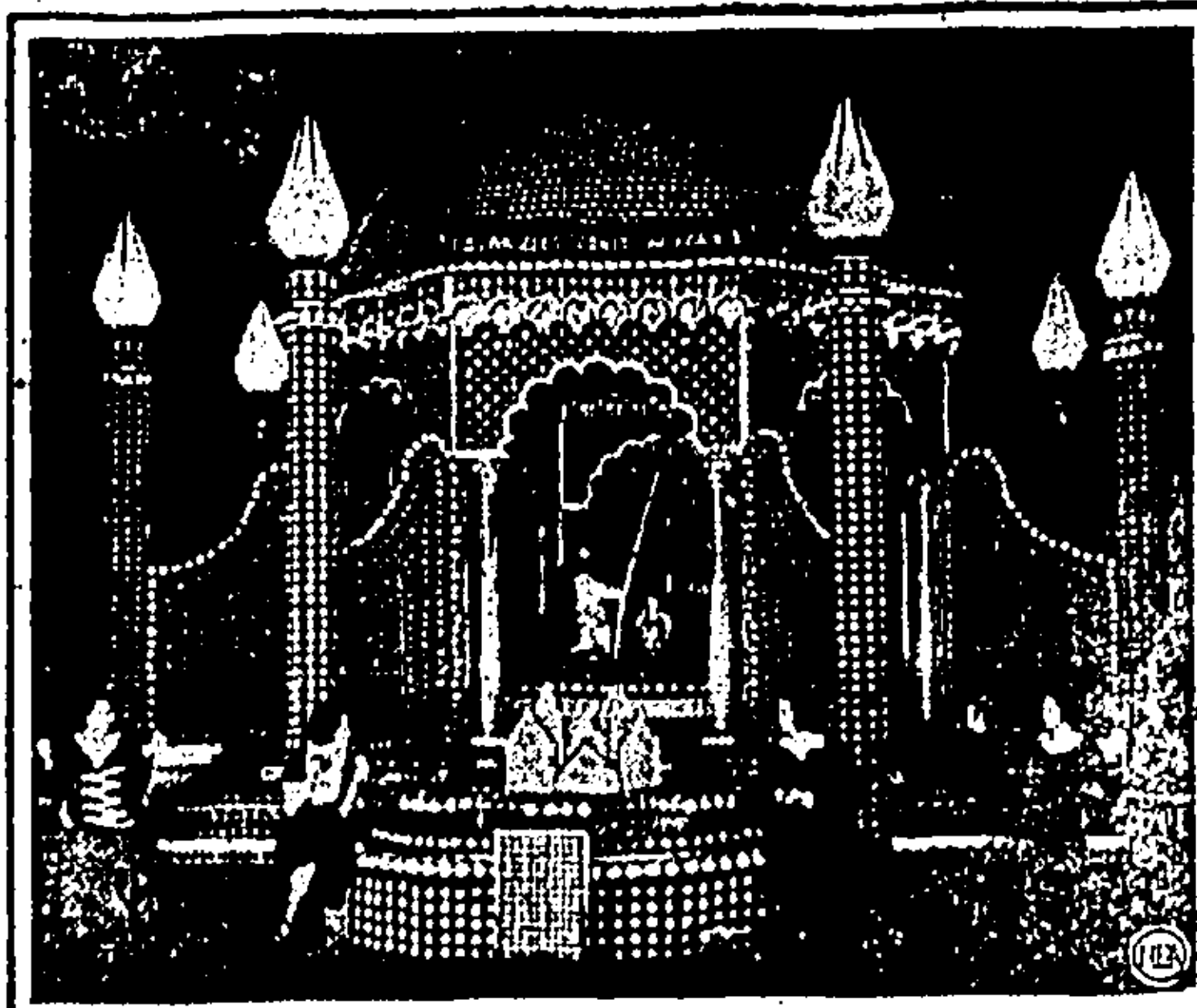
Hung perilously on the edge of an open drawbridge, this Pullman coach narrowly escaped the fate of the engine and baggage car, which went into the river. Four lives were lost.



Moving day at Michigan University. The students were ordered out in consequence of liquor seizures in their rooms, and they are not allowed to return for a year.



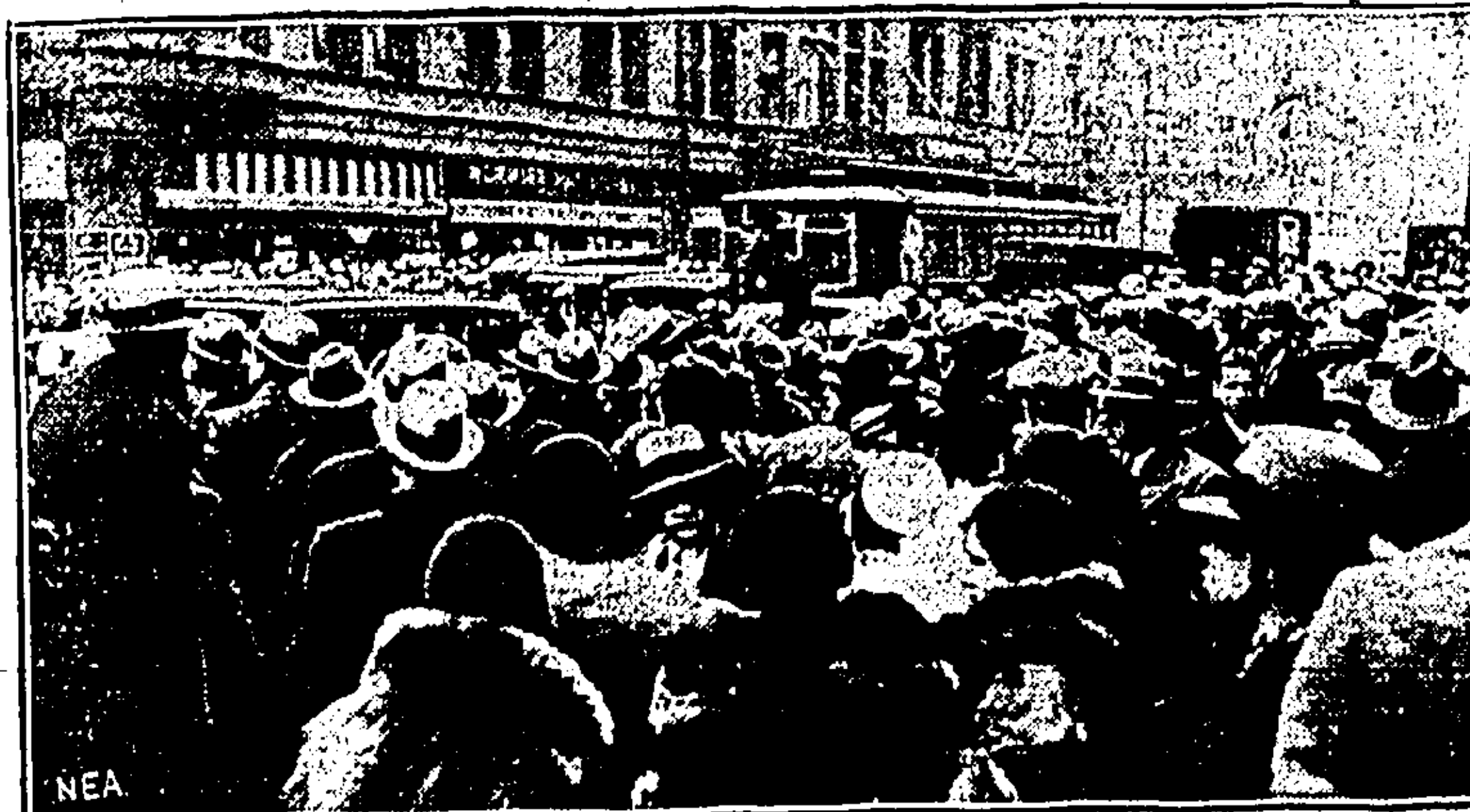
Our photo shows a mob of unemployed in New York in a protest parade. They are demanding cash grants for workless.



Thousand of oranges were used in the construction of this "Persian temple" as the San Bernardino orange show.



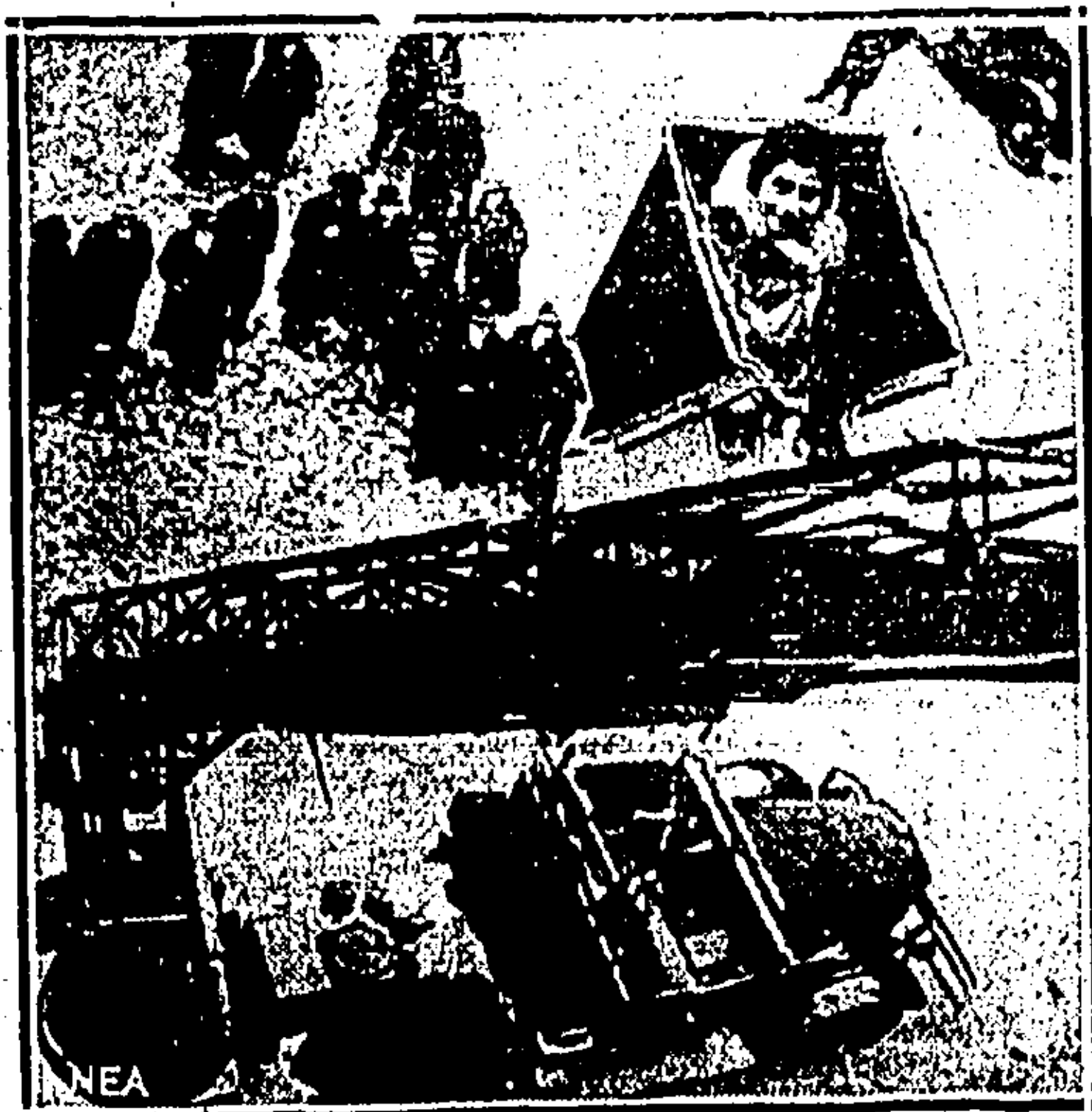
Al Capone is shown above at the Chicago detective bureau where he was held under arrest as a "common vagrant." He is probably Chicago's wealthiest man.



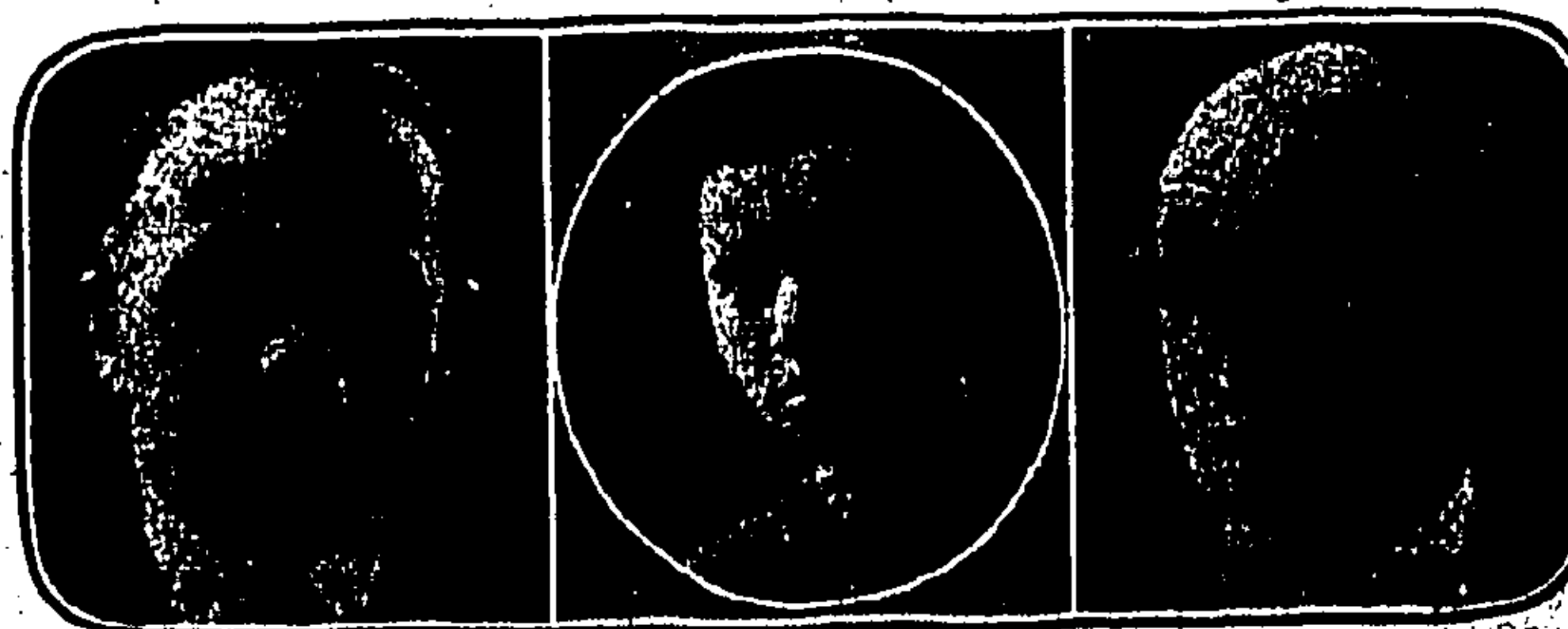
Enormous crowds gathered at the Federal Court in Chicago when Al Capone appeared there for the first time. He received a rare shock when an imprisonment sentence was passed.



Al Capone, described as "Public Enemy No. 1" was "mugged" like any other prisoner following his recent conviction on contempt of court charges. The photos in police records are shown above.



Taken from the top of a Berlin building, our photo shows a new fire-rescuing device in operation.



New members of the Committee of the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Left to right: Mr. V. D. Gensburger, Mr. D. Judah, Mr. G. Morgan.



The Shirt
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The "Storanco" Sports Shirt.
This shirt is specially designed for sportsmen. It banishes all shirt discomfort, as its position cannot change during the most strenuous of games. That "rucking up" experience is impossible. The shirt is easily adjusted to the individual needs of the wearer by a simple device which keeps it comfortably in place.

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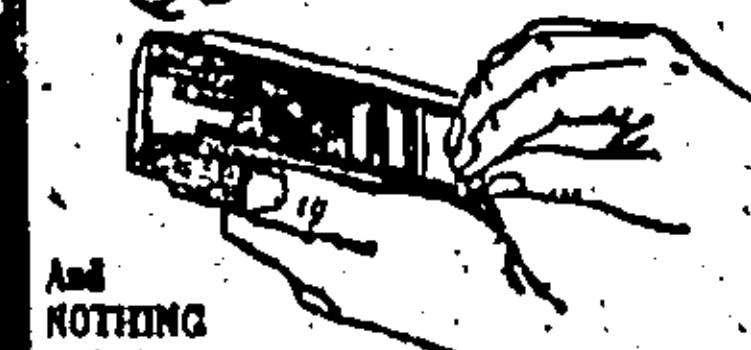
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TO-DAY'S WANTS.

15 WORDS \$1.50,
(\$2.00 if Not Prepaid.)
The following replies have been received:—
667, 671, 678, 683, 685, 691, 695,
705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,
733, 734, 737, 738, 753, 756, 773,
775, 776.

PERSONAL.

"BORROWED" from the United Services Recreation Club, between 6 and 8 p.m. on 7th April, heavy Fawn Mackintosh (marked with letter "M") outdo back of collar. Will the borrower now kindly return to the Club, or to the owner, Lieut. Col. E. D. Mathews, at the office of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

WANTED KNOWN.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Spring Jumble Sale, Friday, May 7th. Contributions of clothing etc. gratefully received at the Church Hall on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED.—An energetic Chinese youth who has qualified in the recent Matriculation Exam. of the Hongkong University, seeks employment as a clerk in any firm. Write Box No. 780, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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SMALL HOUSE wanted on Peak or mid-level, furnished or unfurnished, on long lease from 1932. Particulars to Box No. 783, "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED TO BUY.—New or second-hand 2 cylinders marine motor Engine. Write, stating, h.p. and price, to Box No. 781, "Hongkong Telegraph."

LOST.

SMALL PARCEL containing cigarette machine, and box poker chips. Finder please return c/o Box No. 782, "Hongkong Telegraph."

LOST.—GOETZ CAMERA in BROWN LEATHER CASE, left hanging on the upper deck of s/s "VENETIA" on the return trip from Macau on Monday, April 6. Finder please communicate with Box No. 779, "Hongkong Telegraph." Reward.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHIROPODIST (Corn remover). Fully qualified. 10 years experience in Europe. Appointments made at the Teater Beauty Parlour, Kowloon Building, Tel. 22103. (Ground Floor).

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FOR SALE OR TO LET furnished four-roomed house at Cheung Chau. Electric Light. Large garden. Write Box No. 783, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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New Advertisements.

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NOTICE.

It is notified for information of the Public that while drainage work is in progress in Pedder Street opposite Gloucester Building, a part of the motor car park in Pedder Street will be closed to the public. This notice will take effect on the 10th April and will remain in force until further notice.

All traffic must proceed with caution.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1931.

NOTICE.

I have to-day established myself as Stock and Share broker with offices in the Bank of Canton Building, 5th floor, Telephone No. 22048.

SVERRE BERG,
Member of the Hongkong Share-brokers' Association.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have appointed Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., to be our distributors in Hongkong and South China for the sale of Humber and Hillman cars, effective from April 1st.

ROOTES LIMITED.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that as from April 1st, we have assumed the Distributorship for Messrs. Rootes Ltd. (Humber and Hillman Cars) and invite enquiries for delivery of cars in either Hongkong or England. Particulars of re-purchase terms etc., upon request.

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th April, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st May, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th April, 1931, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Godard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1931.



The modern girl's motto is
"Every man for herself."

G. ~~XXXX~~ R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2454. Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 1736, Waterloo Road.	N. 100 feet S. 100 feet E. 100 feet W. 100 feet	About 42,800	\$492	\$2,100

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2457. North of Lot No. 2410, Portland Street.	N. 100 feet S. 100 feet E. 100 feet W. 100 feet	About 5,100	\$194	\$12,377

G. ~~XXXX~~ R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at May Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 3160. May Road.	N. 100 feet S. 100 feet E. 100 feet W. 100 feet	About 2,300	\$15	\$2,300

NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store, and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business.

8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when both Stores will close at 1 p.m.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open.

On week days until 7.30 p.m.
On Sundays and Public Holidays
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

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ETC., ETC.

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IS MODERN YOUTH HAPPY?

A MINISTER SAYS NO.

The problem of Youth was discussed at the National Free Church Council at Weston-super-Mare.

The Rev. John A. Patten of Dulwich, said that young people were not attracted to the Church. "The family pew," he went on, "has been smashed to smithereens. All father cares about is to see us sitting in a row," said a modern girl, and there is some justice in the criticism. Conventional Christianity is not good enough to attract and hold young people.

"Youth seems to have been overtaken with a great misgiving."

"A Risky Adventure."

"In spite of all the opportunities for enjoyment, the younger generation does not appear to be so very happy. It is often restless and dissatisfied."

Decrying billiard-tables as means of attracting young men to the Church, and describing a jazz band as "a poor substitute for the bugles of Christ," Mr. Patten said: "If a minister announced a hazardous enterprise, his vestry would be crowded by eager-eyed youth demanding a share in it."

The problem was to present Christian life as a high and risky adventure.

"There are many novelists," he added, "whose delight is to pour scorn upon moral behaviour. This equivocal school of fiction creates a miasma that is noxious in the extreme. Let the north wind of robust teaching on moral questions blow away its poisonous vapours."

"Military and Money Barons."

A vision of a world ruled by "military and money-barons" was described by the Rev. Arthur Hird.

"If either the military or the money barons maintain control man cannot rise higher than the fodder level," he declared, "cannon fodder for the machine on the battlefield or the factory."

"The idea that we are abducing nature is the product of the city-wall habit and training of mind. When a man does not realise his kinship with the world he lives in a prison house whose walls are alien to him."

Resolutions were passed: Condemning sweepstakes for charitable purpose.

Regretting the Roman Catholic claims in the debate on the Education Bill.

Approving a new temperance crusade.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2050 b.
Chartered Bank, \$15½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$24 n.
East Asia \$118 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$13.80 n.
Union Ins., \$680 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.35½ s.
China Fire, \$625 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$23½ s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$40 n.
Union Waterboats, \$35½ n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$9½ b.
Kailans, \$2½ n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5½ n.
Raub, \$38½ b.
Venz: Goldfields, \$3.75 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$158½ s.
Whampoa Docks, \$23½ n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Ching Provident, \$5.20 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 282 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 118 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14½ b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 108½ b.
Zong Sing Tls. 11.60 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.30 b.
H. K. Land \$85 s.
Shai Land Tls. 42 b.
Humphreys, \$18.50 s.
Realities, \$11.10 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$91 b.
China Lights, (old) \$24.80 b.
H. K. Electric, \$78½ b.
Telephones, \$49 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Traction, 6/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabans \$40 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.80 n.
Cementa (Comb.) \$17½ b.
Ropes, \$13.65 s.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$24½ b.
Watson, \$12.60 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5½ b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$13¼ n.
Powells \$2.85 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23¼ b.
Constructions, \$6 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$68½ b.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 21st March) and Europe via Siberia (London 23rd Mar.)	Pres. Jefferson	April 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	April 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Hikawa Maru	April 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	TJinegara	April 12.
Manila	Shinyo Maru	April 12.
Australia and Manila	Changto	April 13.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	April 13.
Straits	Van Heutz	April 14.
Batavia	Tjibadak	April 14.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Angers	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	April 17.
Straits	Haruna Maru	April 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th March)	Pres. Adams	April 18.
Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 23th March)	Emps. of Canada	April 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 24th Mar.)	Taiyo Maru	April 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 27th March)	Pres. Grant	April 20.
Japan	Kamo Maru	April 24.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Saigon	Pongtong ... Fri, Apr. 10, 8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming ... Fri, Apr. 10, 4 a.m.
Port Bayard	San Kong ... Fri, Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
Japan	Kalyan ... Fri, Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Kalyan ... Fri, Apr. 10, 5 p.m.

Letters ... 6 p.m.

Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Karmala ... Sat, Apr. 11.

Parcels ... Sat, Apr. 11, 4.30 p.m.

Registration ... Sat, Apr. 11, 9 a.m.

Letters ... Sat, Apr. 11, 10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels ... Sat, Apr. 11, 5 p.m.

Registration ... Sat, Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.

Letters ... Sat, Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 9th May.)

Amoy ... Tjilboet ... Sat, Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.

Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane

Karmala ... Sat, Apr. 11.

Registration ... Sat, Apr. 11, 8.15 a.m.

Letters ... Sat, Apr. 11, 10 a.m.

(Due Brisbane 6th May.)

Japan and Canada via Victoria B.C. Ixion

(Due Victoria B.C. 7th May.)

Manila ... Pres. Jefferson Sat, Apr. 11, 2.30 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia

Takada ... Sat, Apr. 11, 4 p.m.

Kwangchow ... Sun, Apr. 12, 9 a.m.

Bangkok via Swatow

Canton Maru ... Sun, Apr. 12, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa

Klangun ... Mon, Apr. 13, 12.30 p.m.

Holhow and Bangkok

Canton ... Mon, Apr. 13, 2.30 p.m.

Halphong

Hydrangea ... Mon, Apr. 13, 3 p.m.

Swatow

Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco

Pres. McKinley ... Mon, Apr. 13.

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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia

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Letters ... Mon, Apr. 13, 6 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco

Shinyo Maru ... Tues, Apr. 14.

Registration ... Tues, Apr. 14, 5 p.m.

Letters ... Tues, Apr. 14, 5.30 a.m.

(Due San Francisco 8th May.)

Manila and Java via Sourabaya

TJinegara ... Tues, Apr. 14, 12.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Halayang ... Tues, Apr. 14, 1 p.m.

Saigon ... Straits, Ceylon,

FATE OF VIVIAN GORDON.

YELLOW TAXI CLUE.

New York, Mar. 11.
All New York City, usually apathetic towards crime and corruption, has been aroused by the strangling of the red-haired actress, Vivian Gordon.

The suicide of Vivian's 17-year-old daughter has intensified public indignation at this sordid underworld drama of graft and vice.

Prominent citizens, members of the clergy and the Press generally denounce the authorities for their failure to solve the murder mystery.

The driver of a yellow taxi cab has been subjected to questioning for ten hours after two other taximen had stated that on the night when Vivian Gordon was strangled in Van Cortlandt Park they pursued a yellow taxi-cab containing a screaming woman.

The driver of the yellow taxi-cab applied a few hours after the Gordon murder for a change in licence plates for an old taxi-cab, the motor of which had been removed and its entire appearance changed.

Mrs. Catherine Parker Clivette, president of the Society for the Prevention of Unjust Convictions, has openly declared that there are one thousand girls, from all classes, who are covering in fear, not daring to go in the streets lest they meet the fate of Vivian Gordon.

She states that all these girls have been victims of "framed" (false) charges by the police and "stool pigeons" (informers), that they are terrified to tell their stories to the investigators who are inquiring into the accusations of corruption in the New York police.

Sister Claims £10,000.
A sister of Vivian Gordon, Miss Arnold A. Franklin, is coming here from Cincinnati to claim an estate of £10,000 supposed to have been left by the dead actress.

Miss Franklin recently lost her job as a clerk, and fears that the publicity about her sister's fate may handicap her chances of employment.

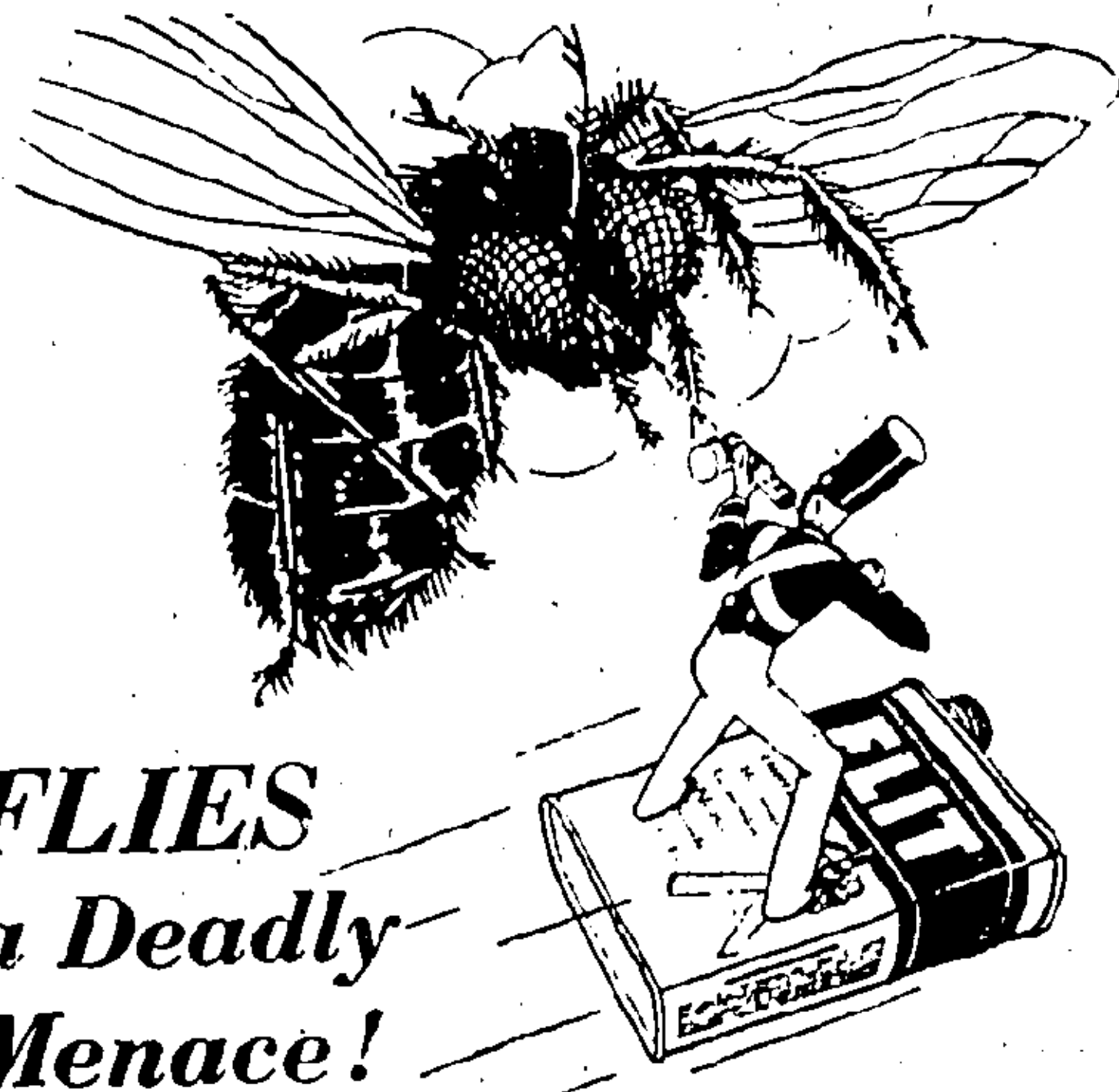
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Flies are foul poisoners, living and breeding in filthy pestilential places. Crawling over your food, their hairy feet carry disease and death. Protect your family from them. Spray FLIT.

FLIT is deadly to flies, mosquitoes, fleas, moths, ants, roaches, bed bugs, and their eggs. Harmless to man. Doesn't stain. Don't confuse FLIT with other insecticides. Look for the soldier on the yellow can with the black band.



FLIT
Kills quicker

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

MIRRORS AND AGE.

Unkind to the Middle-Aged.

Mirrors are cruel things; it is true most people admit their necessity, and will go the length of giving house room to at least two.

For a woman who is growing away from youth there are two attitudes towards the mirror, and much may depend upon which one she decides to adopt.

It must either assume new importance in her life, or fall as nearly out of it altogether as is possible in a civilised community.

I am thinking, of course, of women who have had some measure of good looks in the past and have been human enough to care about them.

There are others in whom I think the sense of humour is more lacking than anything else, who can watch themselves beginning to bulge in the wrong places and add chin after chin, without a pang.

It is perfectly safe for these to have as many mirrors as they have rooms.

The others must realise, if they decide to banish them, that they can never be sure that they may not be suddenly confronted by one in somebody's else's house, and the shock of seeing themselves then as they really are may depress them for days!

Better, perhaps, to believe that almost any age may be beautiful, and to give the mirror a bigger place in one's life than before.—H.M. In Exchange.

THE EVENING SILHOUETTE.

The dressmakers are divided, roughly speaking, into camps, when it comes to the evening silhouette. Some concentrate all their fullness and decoration at the back of the skirt. Others fly to the opposite extreme, and put fullness and trimming in the front.

Some of the evening frocks are literally draped up towards the back, where the bustle is figured by a bow of tulle, by a spray of vertical pleats, or a group of horizontal ruffles.

Back peplumes, panels, and back sash bows are fashionably ubiquitous.

Goes with Curls.



A perfect hat for the coiffure of curls is this of black knitted wool with a halo of tiny pink roses.

Chiffons in Dainty Colours.



(By Jean Savoy.)

Printed Chiffons have such ineffable freshness and daintiness about them, it is no wonder that spring makes every one of us feel we just must have at least one such dress.

You will find the new chiffons delicately colourful, usually featuring big figures in a neat and lady-like manner. Lots of them use three or four tones together, fresh greens, yellows, blues, pinks. There seems to be a special run on blues—light but not too delicate blues that look grand on blondes.

Two problems of the new chiffon afternoon or evening gown seem to be what to do about covering the gown and how to distribute fullness so that it swirls gracefully around the feet and yet lets you look even slimmer than you actually are.

Most of the new chiffons solve the sleeve problem either by having short sleeves made in the gown or by having little matching boleros or capes or short coats of the same chiffon.

Two lovely new printed chiffons show variety in style and design and colour. A modernistic idea of what flowers look like to a contemporary artist uses shades of gray, white and black on a dark gray background and makes an elegant gown for spring and summer.

The sleeves have shirred caps to them, with flaring puffs below, and the same fitted idea makes use of accordion pleating for the entire skirt, flaring it from the knees. There is a little squarish cape wrap, with shirring across the back shoulders, that matches.

(Right) Chrysanthemums, in varied autumn tones against a dark, rich background, make the pattern of the other chiffon gown. The method of distributing fullness is quite different, this gown being fitted to hipline and a circular skirt added. There is a fitted neckyoke, also, and from this a cape falls that covers the arms and swings below the waistline in back.

TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

Snack Suggestions.

These quickly prepared snacks for luncheon, supper, or the cocktail party, are specially useful at holiday time:

Sausages grilled, brushed with glaze and dished on toast, surrounded with dressed watercress and served with plum, damson or lemon pickle or with chutney.

Grilled sausages skinned and spread on anchovy toast. Garnish with thin strips of anchovy fillets and serve hot.

Sliced, fried sausages arranged on buttered toast that is spread with German or French mustard. Sprinkle with grated cheese, and reheat under a grill.

Spread thin slices of cooked ham

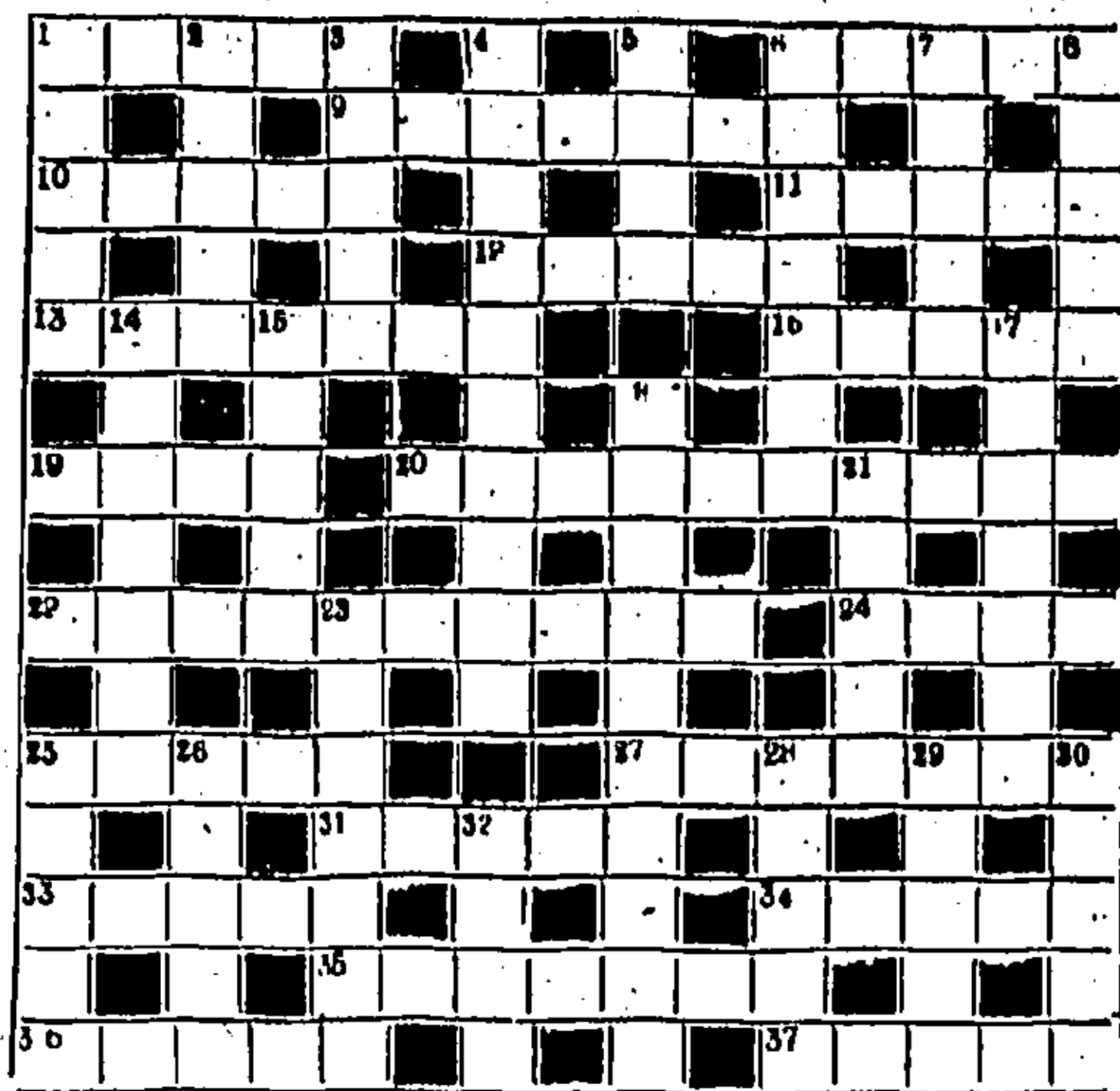
with German mustard, and roll round shelled hard-boiled eggs. Dish on sliced tomatoes, coated with mayonnaise and sprinkled with chopped celery and apple. Garnish with watercress and parsley.

Cooked sirloin haddock, finely flaked, heated in butter, seasoned with cayenne, piled on toast and coated with hot tomato sauce. Sprinkle with chopped gherkins. Bloaters or kippers may replace the haddock.

BUYING COFFEE.

The most important thing to remember in buying coffee, is that it be freshly roasted. Coffee contains aromatic oils which are volatilized in the roasting and much of this savor is lost unless the roasted coffee is quickly and hermetically sealed.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 The chin is a very prominent feature in England.
- 6 This stops after a hundred.
- 9 Here, is not altogether unusual, a row follows an Irishman—doubtless devoted to country, all the same.
- 10 Plait with the edge in the middle.
- 11 Avoid artfully.
- 12 "Mechinks the—that one grows, inclines us more to laugh than scold" (Byron, "Beppo").
- 13 A famous painting by Millet.
- 16 This relation is more than nice.
- 19 Victim of a murder famous for countless generations.
- 20 Gallant.
- 22 Bright and showy, no doubt, but the disorder is very apparent.
- 24 Describes a popular type of car.
- 26 Crawl.
- 27 What the Lord did.
- 31 A division of the calyx of a flower may almost please.
- 33 This includes the Holy Land.
- 34 An astronomical shadow found in Burma.
- 35 Places upon.
- 36 That's the idea. Sell it, Henry, and invest the capital yourself (children).
- 37 Feature.

Down

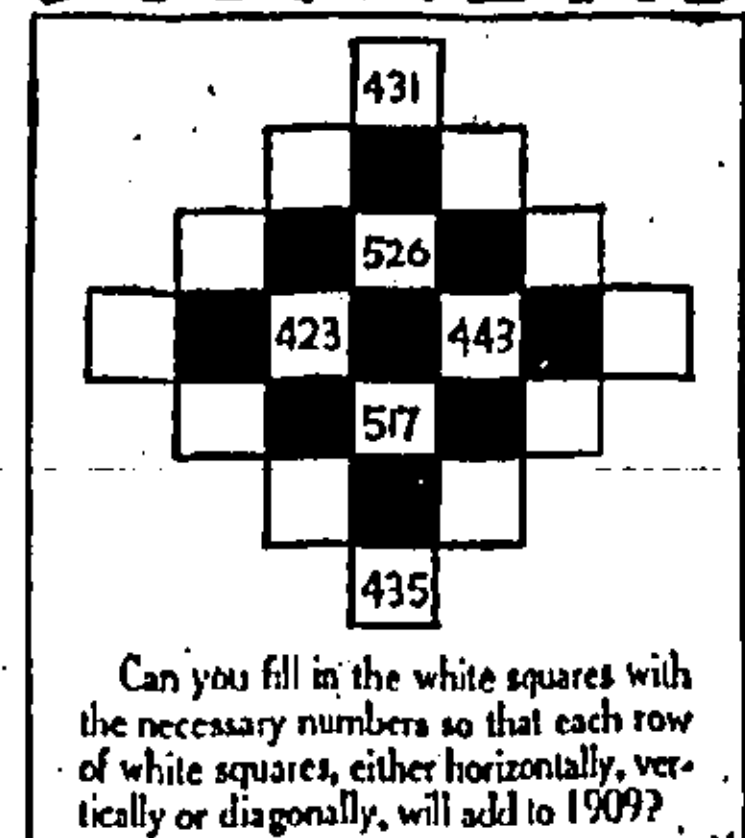
- 1 Company after company (? in front of one) enter into the manufacture of this beverage.
- 2 Sounds a suitable portion for the soprano who takes the cake.
- 3 Here the sound of a covering will terrify.
- 4 What the realistic writer strives to get right in his work.
- 6 Hastened.

- 6 Never ending.
- 7 What is it that is common to a barrel and a song?
- 8 This undressed kid sounds easily moved.
- 14 Describes the mouse that succoured the lion.
- 16 Applause.
- 17 Decry—making a confused noise almost from the first.
- 18 Mathew, Mark, Luke or John, for example.
- 21 Jewish title.
- 23 Boys' toys, not well, help to catch any breeze that's going.
- 25 Strictly defined class.
- 26 These follow Marquesses.
- 28 "—that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything" ("Tristram Shandy").
- 29 The full name of this reptile means "snake of the hood."
- 30 You may catch cold if you sit within the sound of this rough sketch.
- 32 Play on this—or smoke it.

Yesterday's Solution

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Can you fill in the white squares with the necessary numbers so that each row of white squares, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally, will add to 1909?

IRAQ AIR FORCE.
FIVE MACHINES LEAVE FOR PARIS.

London, Apr. 9.

An air force was born yesterday.

Painted white with national markings, green, white, red and black, five Gipsy-Moth biplanes, followed by a Puss-Moth monoplane from the Hatfield aerodrome left for Paris enroute to Iraq.

The monoplane is piloted by a member of the British Air Force, Flight Lieutenant Carter, who has been lent to the Iraq Government for three years.

The five biplanes are piloted by Iraqi officers who have undergone Royal Air Force training in England. They speak English fluently,

Yesterday's Solution

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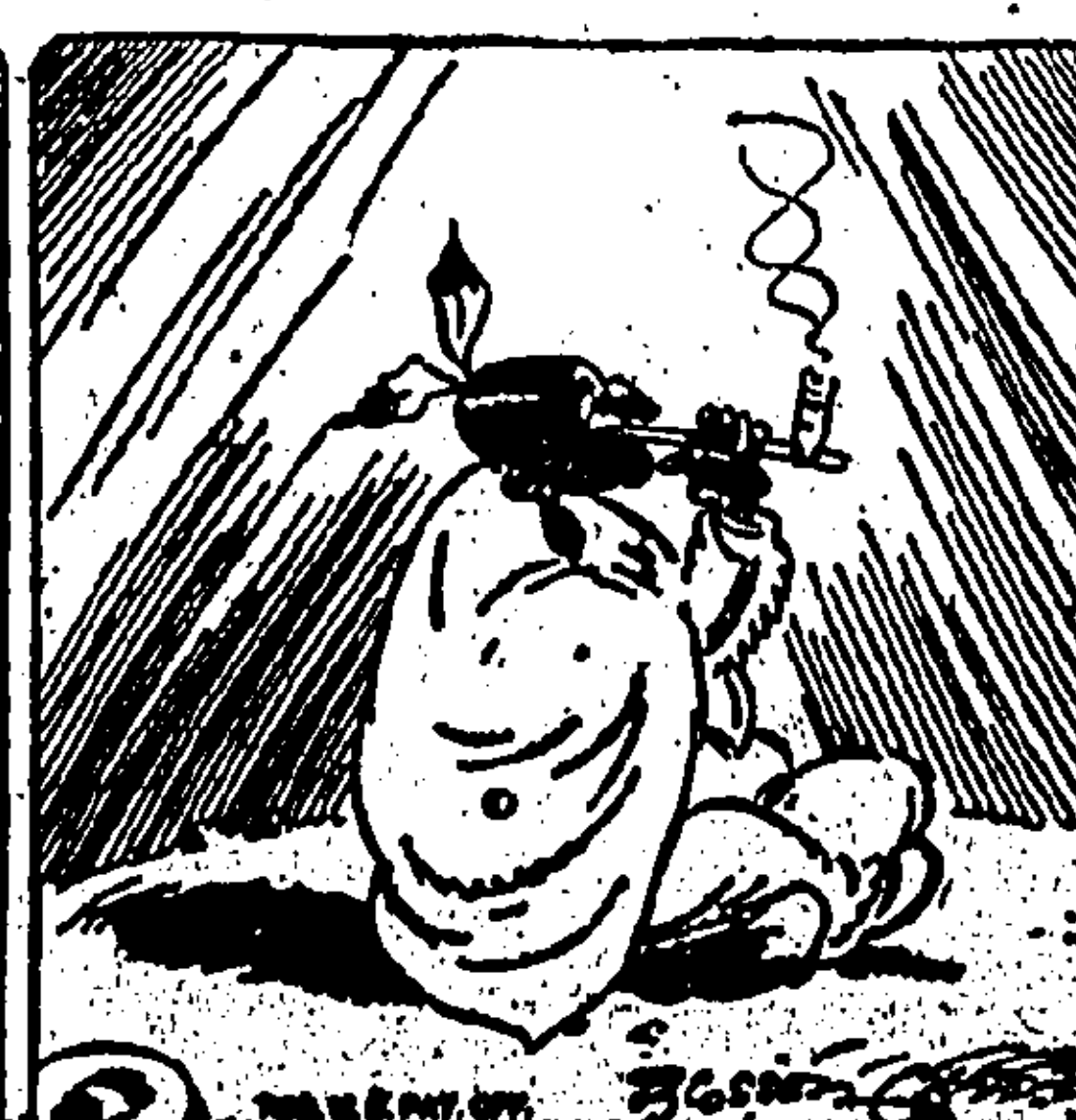
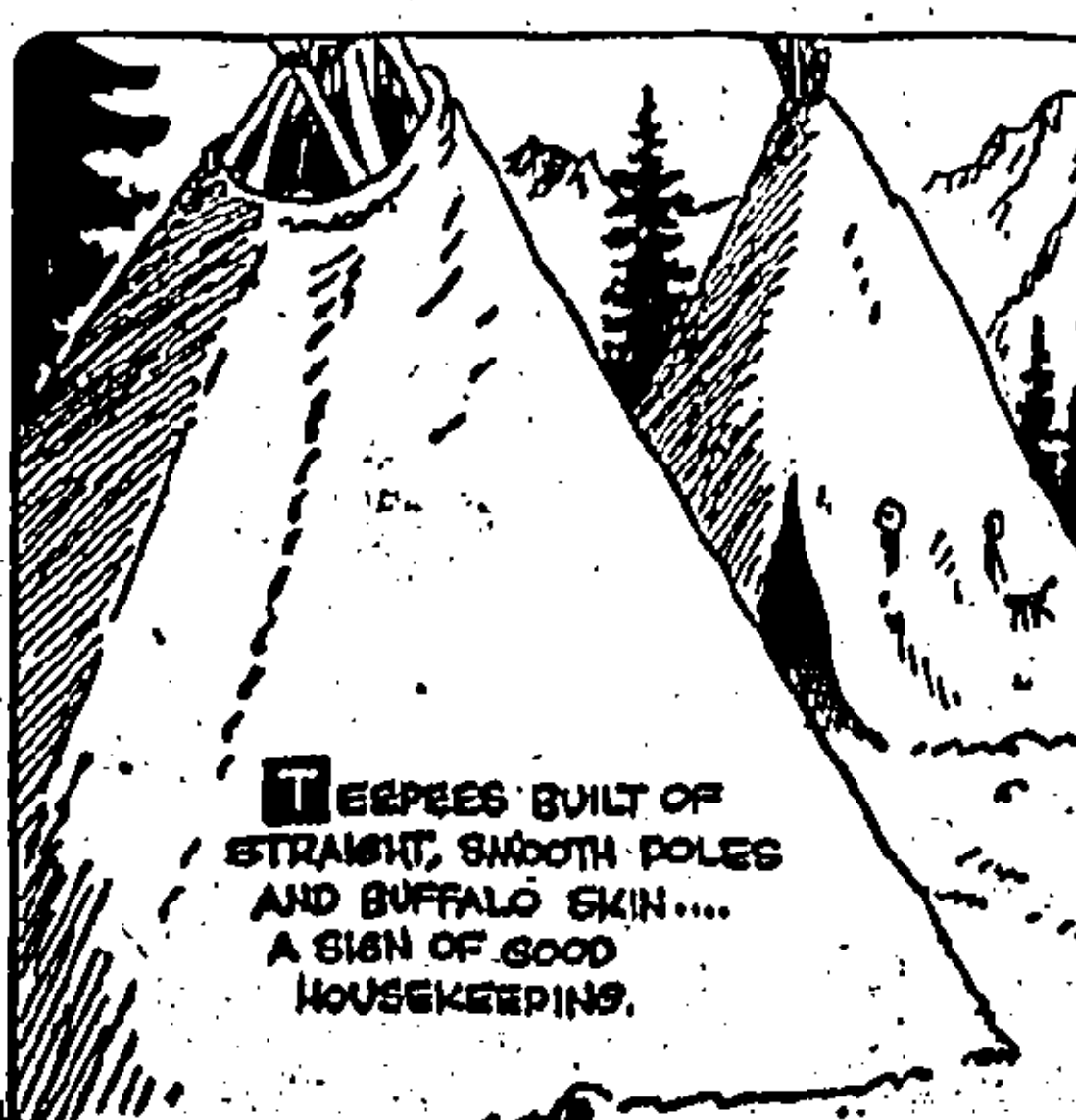
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ly, and are attired in khaki uniforms of the British Army pattern with the cap formerly worn by the British Flying Corps. The Puss-Moth is for King Feisal's personal use. The Gipsy-Moths are fitted with bomb-racks, cameras and wireless and form the nucleus of an Iraq air force.—Reuter.

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| I'm painting the clouds with sunshine | " |
| 22242—Tip-toe thru' the Tulips (Organ) | Jesse Crawford |
| Chant of the Jungle | " |
| 22291—Painting the Clouds with Sunshine | Gracie Fields |

"Say it With Songs"

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| 1425—Little Pal | John McCormack |
| I Love to hear you singing | " |
| 21951—Little Pal (Organ) | Jesse Crawford |
| Why Can't You? | " |
| 21952—Little Pal | Gene Austin |
| Why Can't You? | " |
| 21953—Why Can't You? | Shilkret-Victor Orchestra |
| Used to you | " |
| 21954—Little Pal | Olsen's Music |
| I'm in Seventh Heaven | " |
| 22056—Now I'm in Love | Arnheim's Orchestra |
| One Sweet Kiss | " |
| 22091—When you come to the end of the day | Paul Oliver |
| Memories of One Sweet Kiss | " |

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mr. K. C. Lau, tender sincere thanks to their relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1931.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

To Hongkong, whose Constitution is so badly in need of reform, it is a matter of some surprise, not unmingled with amusement, that the Secretary of State for the Colonies should be so anxious for the government of the Bermuda Islands as to suggest an extension of the franchise so as to bring the little Crown Colony into closer conformity with contemporary British institutions elsewhere. The "elsewhere," needless to say, does not include Hongkong, one of the most important of the Crown Colonies though it may be. In point of fact, Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, for reasons which it is difficult to understand, are about the most backward of the Crown Colonies so far as constitutional development is concerned. Possibly, one of these days Lord Passfield will realise the necessity of bringing us more into line with those contemporary British institutions to which he refers.

When we stop to consider precisely what the Bermuda Islands are, and the form of government which they now enjoy, we might be forgiven for thinking that the inhabitants have very little about which to complain. For all intents and purposes a series of coral reefs, there are in all some three hundred islets, of which only a very few are inhabited, the total area being less than twenty square miles. The population is about 30,000. Yet, in addition to Executive and Legislative Councils, on the latter of which there is an unofficial majority, there are a popularly-elected House of Assembly comprising thirty-six members and two Municipal Corporations, one in the town of Hamilton and the other in St. George. It will thus be seen that there is no lack of machinery with which to put forward the views of residents. What, however, seems to be bothering Lord Passfield is that the registered electors comprise less than six per cent. of the population, and the hint is accordingly thrown out that the franchise

might be extended, even to the making of provision for female suffrage. The point which will naturally occur to Hongkong people is why the Home Government should trouble itself with a trifling matter like this whilst larger and more important Colonies, such as our own, are absolutely neglected. Not only have we no unofficial majority on the Legislative Council, but we enjoy no franchise whatever, except in a very restricted manner in respect of the Sanitary Board, whilst we know nothing of a House of Assembly or of Municipal Corporations.

The constitutional position of Hongkong is, in these days of democratic ideas, a sheer anachronism, and it is something little short of amazing that after more than eighty years of British rule there should be such an entire absence of machinery for the expression of public opinion. Views may differ as to the wisdom or otherwise of an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council, although practically all the Crown Colonies enjoy it, but we do suggest that the time is long overdue for a recognition of the elective principle in the appointments of non-Government members. The Bermuda system, also in operation in several other Colonies, of an elected House of Assembly might at any rate be extended to Hongkong. Members thereof could be chosen by different parishes—the Health Districts might serve for this purpose—on a property qualification. The creation of such a body would, at least until the public became educated up to the use of the franchise, serve as a training ground for subsequent further reforms. The House would naturally have the right to discuss and make recommendations on public affairs, even if it possessed no legislative authority, and would have the effect of fostering the civic spirit of the Colony. We are quite prepared to admit that the general question of constitutional reform is a difficult one in such a Colony as Hongkong, but the difficulties are in no sense insuperable. Any reasonable proposals would, if made in the proper quarter at Home, undoubtedly meet with a sympathetic response. The moment seems propitious; it only remains for a lead to be given.

India and Hongkong.

The renewed demand of the Indian Chambers of Commerce for a cessation of further efforts by the Government of India to maintain the value of the rupee at eighteenpence is a matter of very considerable interest to Hongkong and China. Our concern consists in this, the future of silver and the policy of the Government of India in currency control are closely linked. The 1926 decision, based upon the Hilton-Young commission's recommendation, placing India upon a gold bullion standard in place of the previous gold exchange standard, and involving the sale in the open market of excess stocks of silver—in order to augment the Treasury's gold holdings—immediately caused a collapse in silver prices. The trend has been ever downward in consequence of the carrying out of the policy. It is important to note, moreover, that before the Indian Government began to sell silver, the reserve stood at approximately 361,000,000 ounces, and four years later, after 97,000,000 ounces had been sold, the reserve stood at 412,000,000 ounces, which indicates that sales were more than offset by the influx of silver rupees into the Treasury. It is obvious, that if India continues to throw her huge stocks into the open market, there is no prospect of a recovery in silver values. At the present time, the difference between the gold price of the silver contents of the rupee and the bullion exchange value of the coin is so great that the Hindus are exchanging as rapidly as they can their silver coins for bar silver or gold. In fact, with silver at 1/1, the Hindu exchanges 165 grains of pure silver worth about 6d. in the market but in the form of a Government-backed rupee, for 1/6 worth of silver. Thus to maintain the rupee at its high level—which is held to be unwarrantable—the Indian Government is forced

DAY BY DAY

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO BE DISAGREEMENT AT THE RIGHT TIME.—*Bobara Burke*

Charged with boarding the s.s. Tjibodas without permission, three women pleaded guilty before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, and were fined \$10 each.

Suffering from a scalp wound a Chinese woman named Lee Sam was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday from Queen's Road. It has not been ascertained how she came by the injury.

J. Lorrain, an officer of the French gunboat Vigilante, which is lying at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the police the loss of a wallet containing \$325, which was stolen from his cabin between noon and 1 p.m. yesterday.

The Naval Armament Supply Officer has notified the Harbour Master that a small quantity of fireworks and small arms ammunition will be fired for proof purposes at the Stonecutters Rifle Range on Monday afternoon.

By cutting the sacks and allowing the rice to trickle through the bars of a window, some person managed to steal the contents of seven sacks from a godown at Kennedy Town sometime between 10 a.m. on the 5th and 3 p.m. on the 8th inst. The total value of the rice was given as being \$140.

Summoned for speeding along Wongneichung Road, near the Monument, the driver of a motor lorry was fined \$20 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning. It being stated that he had been travelling from 25 to 30 miles an hour with a load of sacks and two coolies sitting on top of them.

Tong Shun appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning, and admitted possession at the Yumanti Railway Station 1.6 gallon of Chinese wine and 1 1/4 lbs. of tobacco on which the duty had not been paid. He said it was for his own use. Mr. Hamilton administered a caution, and ordered the accused to pay three times the duty, which came to \$5.58, to the Revenue Department.

to bolster up its reserves either by selling council bills (credit on London) or selling silver in the open market. Whether Sir George Schuster will pay any attention to the latest protest is extremely doubtful, though feeling is very strong. The rupee is being maintained at a rate 2d. above the pre-war figure, and the methods employed are equally disastrous to the hoarded wealth of millions of people in India as it is to China. A reversion to the rupee's pre-war value would be a corrective in itself, as it would contribute to the cheapening of gold—the endearing of silver—and would assist in bringing about the rise in commodity prices so essential if the industrial depression is to be broken. Why the Government of India adheres so rigidly to its present policy is not at all clear. Its indebtedness to Great Britain is rising continuously, while the silver crises intensified by the policy, is undermining the very gold bullion standard which it is their aim to uphold.



"She won't admit they're engaged, but she's dropped her music and started a business course."

BUENOS AIRES.

By J. M. W. JEFFRIES.

DESPITE the four hundred and thirty million British pounds invested in Buenos Aires; despite the many firms which have dealings from Britain, and, by agency here, with Argentina, those who have experience in these matters declare that trading with this great Republic could be much extended. That, indeed, speaks for itself: the Exhibition has arisen to prove it. Opportunities will grow and grow as the country develops.

The Best of Things.

At the present moment the primary obstacles to trade have been the world-slump, the doubtfulness of credit, and other technical causes. But behind these lies the secondary cause which has produced these few words of mine, the belief in Britain, founded upon the stories and travel-accounts of two or three generations ago, that the Argentine is an exotic land, full of cinema heroes and cinema scenery.

A business man told me how during a holiday in England he was asked whether everyone rode on muleback or was there a railway in the Argentine.

Men in the first flight of trade know better than this, of course, but trade, especially if it is to expand to large dimensions, must have its great medium circles too.

In these circles those in responsible positions, whose voyages have not led them far from their native countries, view the prospects of South America through a mirage of cacti, sombreros, llamas, and women with roses in their teeth.

However much their travellers and agents try to dissipate this veil, their protestations, I am told, never seem to get all the way home. It is clearly in their interest to make the commercial best of things, and principals of firms suspect them of leaving out llamas which unsteady the market.

International City.

I have no interests of the sort to serve, so perhaps there will be some advantage in my repeating that the only true article I can write about Buenos Aires is this undescriptive one.

There is nothing to describe here, or no more to describe than there is in Regent-street. Buenos Aires is a splendid, modern, international city, from which a tourist agency might very well run excursions to South America.

Its enterprise, however, would be doubtfully rewarded, for the population of this city, I believe, would yawn out of its well-fitting collar at the picturesque.

If I wrote against the grain of facts, what could I describe in Buenos Aires?

Let me see. They are building now broad new diagonal avenues through the city. In one of them I stopped and made myself conspicuous by gazing around—a decadent practice here. It was the North diagonal, and I counted eight lofty blocks which for brilliance and modernity would make the new Piccadilly-circus buildings look like family sofas.

Sky Signs.

When it comes to architecture, London, save for a very few buildings, is best described as petite when compared with Buenos Aires.

Then they have a trick here of lowering their sky-signs almost to eye-level, particularly in the Avenida de Mayo, so that in the evening you drive about in the dazzling heart of the advertising world.

Women seem to be kept in reserve; for every one of them about there are five men. The women have very beautiful, expressive, large eyes; the men fall into two classes—a broad, heavily built, faintly lowering type, and a taller, fresher, good-looking, younger class, whose features are somehow moulded with something common to the whole of their continent.

I do not believe it is described to any Buenos Aires is full of the people of all nations. The traffic manager of one of the railways—two hundred and fifty million pounds capital is in British-owned railways alone—told me he had men of twenty-nine races in one group of five thousand workmen. Most of the trains are driven by British drivers.

Multitude of Shops.

If you walk into the streets here, you see nothing but a multitude of shops stretching away out of sight. They repeat and resemble each other so much that they may be said to act as echoes.

It is clear there is a tremendous market in Buenos Aires, and that competition is astounding, about twenty offers I should say to every prospective consumer. The consumer by a natural consequence has become critical in a very different fashion from the characteristic "Same as before, please," British buyer.

I have not seen it mentioned anywhere, but it seems to me that some part of the trouble of our traders in securing foreign markets lies with our own public. English shoppers are so easily pleased and therefore give our traders and manufacturers little experience in suiting fine and narrow taste.

A Naval War of the Future.

By W. F. BULLOCK.

HIGH in the tropical sky an aeroplane hangs motionless like a bird of prey.

Suddenly it drops from its height of 12,000ft., striking seaward at the rate of 300 miles an hour. Its target is an aeroplane carrier heavily stacked with aeroplanes.

The diving aeroplane is an American bomber carrying a 1,000-lb. bomb, twice the weight of those carried by the usual two-seater. The carrier reels beneath the force of the explosion and suffers terrible damages as the bomb hits it.

All around the mimic war is in progress. To the north-west ninety aeroplanes are sweeping over transports surrounded by an imposing array of battleships. To the south-west more aeroplanes are crippling another convoy.

Black and Blue.

The day had begun with a single aeroplane rising to the sky as dawn broke over the green jungles of Panama and flooded the still waters of the Pacific with splendid light.

Moving upwards and out of sight in the morning light the aeroplane symbolised the new era of naval warfare.

The tiny aeroplane was a unit in the "Blue" fleet of the United States Navy engaged in "mimic" warfare, against the "Black" fleet, supposedly the force of a Pacific Power bent on destroying the Panama Canal and the yet-to-be-built Nicaraguan Canal. The manoeuvres sought to learn the relative importance of naval craft—battleships, cruisers, destroyers, aircraft-carriers, submarines, and dirigibles.

The "Blue" admiral was successful. His aeroplanes found and bombed the enemy and fought a lively guerrilla warfare, while the "Black" admiral maintained a losing battle for four days.

Out of this mimic war emerge certain theories which may change the strategy and tactics of future naval wars.

First, the aeroplane proved its worth: without the light, swift, death-dealing weapon of the air the "Blue" admiral could not have prevented the weighty "Black" armada from destroying the canal defences.

Secondly, the battleship is regarded by high authorities as still the backbone of the Navy. Aeroplanes might destroy the convoy and hold command of the air, but

(Continued on Page 7.)

CHINA OPTIMISM
ON EXTRALITY.HOPES OF SOLUTION
THIS MONTH.DR. WANG HINTS UNILATERAL
ABOLITION.

CONCESSIONS NEXT.

Nanking, Apr. 4.
Assurance that a satisfactory settlement of the extraterritoriality question would be reached by the end of the current month was given by Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview yesterday.

He said that following the settlement of this question he would turn his efforts to the retrocession of the foreign Settlements and Concessions in China so as to redeem the promise he made to the people in a statement issued two years ago.

The Negotiations.

A settlement with the Netherlands and Norwegian Ministers has practically been agreed to. What remains to be done is merely the formal signing of the agreements, Dr. Wang said.

As a result of a series of conversations with the British Minister, agreement on most of the points involved has virtually been reached, there being only one or two vital points still unsettled. "It is, however, my belief that satisfactory results will be achieved within a short time," he continued.

Powers' Attitude.

"As regards the United States Government, it appears to be her desire neither to reach agreement ahead of the other Powers, nor to lag behind them. As to the Brazilian Government, with which an exchange of views was effected some time ago, it is expected that she will adopt the same attitude as the Netherlands and the Norwegian Governments.

"Progress in the negotiations with the French Minister has been slow. Though several conversations have already been held, no definite measures have yet been agreed to. As for the rumours that the Japanese Government had proposed that establishment of the Chinese Government of special courts in the various important ports such as Tientsin, Canton, and Harbin, they are absolutely groundless, no proposals whatsoever having been made by the Japanese Government.

The Third Step.

"In short, it is my belief that though there is still some divergence of views regarding the question, a complete settlement will be reached by the end of the current month. Following the settlement of the extraterritoriality question, I will proceed with the third step, retrocession of foreign Settlements and Concessions, so as to redeem the promise I made in a statement issued two years ago.

"Should the extraterritoriality question still remain unsettled by the end of the current month, then—well, though I cannot say now whether we will resort to the course of unilateral abolition, I hope the people will wait and see. Dr. Wang concluded.—*Kuo Min.*

ST. GEORGE'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS.LOCAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES
PROGRAMME.

It is proposed to celebrate St. George's Day, Thursday, 23rd April, in the same manner as last year. At 11 a.m. the President, supported by the Committee, will deposit a wreath at the Cenotaph and it is hoped that the brief ceremony will be attended by members of the Society.

In the afternoon the Regimental Band of the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. E. Cross, D.S.O., and Officers will give a band concert on the Hongkong Cricket Ground, weather permitting. The Drum and Fife Band will beat "Retreat". The Hongkong Club have kindly placed the ground at the disposal of the Society for the concert.

The usual entertainment for Service-men is being organised by the Vice-President, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling. This will take place at the Leo Theatre, through the courtesy of the Leo Hyman Estates, Ltd., and will commence at 8.30 p.m. Members of the Society are cordially invited to attend the concert in their capacity as hosts, and tickets are being sent out to all members.

The Hongkong University Engineering Society is holding its second annual ball in the Great Hall of the University on Saturday night.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Explanation.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—There have been several displeased comments on the fact that the Sakharoff's performance after one postponement has now been cancelled altogether. What ever may be the reason for this second disappointment, the public can scarcely be blamed for feeling somewhat indignant over this treatment, coming as it does so soon after the prolonged uncertainty as to the date of Toti Dal Monte's recital.

I wish to point out that the Hongkong Musical Society, which does its best to disseminate advance information with regard to forthcoming concerts, is as much inconvenienced by these changes as anybody, and can only pass on such information as is received from impresarios and advance agents. The revised dates for the Sakharoff Dancers were not circulated by the Society, as we felt we should incur part of the blame in the event of another cancellation; and as things have turned out our decision was justified.

The only impending musical event to which attention can be drawn at the moment—in this case with a fair certainty that it will take place, since the artist is in the Colony—is the second piano recital by Youra Guller on Tuesday, April 21st, at 9.20 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. At the first recital, which we took the responsibility of organising, the audience was most enthusiastic, and it is due to the keen desire expressed by many that they should have another opportunity of hearing this splendid artist, that she is giving a further performance before her departure. On this occasion the concert will take place at 9.20 p.m., which will probably suit many people better than an afternoon recital.—*Yours etc.,*

A. M. BOWEN-SMITH,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong Musical Society.

The Prevalence of Malaria
in Hongkong.

Sir,—It must be a matter of grave concern to everyone that to this day malaria continues to take its toll in this very Colony which, through the brilliant researches of Manson, contributed so greatly if indirectly to the success with which malaria has been stamped out in other parts of the world.

Why then have we not been able to eradicate this scourge in Hongkong? The matter is one that affects us all intimately and the fact that up to now the experts have failed to embolden me, a mere layman, to put forward a simple theory.

It has been remarked that often we find cases of malaria where building operations are in progress. This has led to the strange theory that malaria, like dust, is stirred up whenever a cutting is made in a hillside and the earth is disturbed.

My own suggestion is that it is the mudsheds which workmen erect for themselves that are the cause of our troubles. The leaves and other material of the roofs and walls of the mudsheds remain damp for days after every shower of rain. May it not be that this very moisture is the means whereby mosquito larvae are fostered?

It has been found that a thick undergrowth near a house is a menace, and is not the moisture-retaining quality of both the undergrowth and the mudsheds a suggestive common factor?—*RESIDENT.*

A NAVAL WAR OF THE
FUTURE.

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they could not win the sea against the richly armoured-plated battleship.

Anti-Aircraft Batteries.

The "Blue" admiral won because he commanded a swift, mobile machine of cruisers, destroyers, aircraft-carriers, submarines, and aeroplanes able to remain at sea without refuelling.

But the airship problem is not yet solved. The new Navy dirigible, the Akron, will carry five fighting planes. These, it is hoped, will defend the airship against its midjet enemies the aeroplanes; further, that her great speed will enable her to flee down the wind and, like an Olympian god, take refuge in a cloud.

Miss Danenberg, of 27, Jordan Road, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after having been bitten by a black Japanese poodle dog belonging to Mr. P. D. Keyser of the Public Works Department, residing at 4, Salford Terrace. The animal was sent to Matakuk for observation.

PRINCE TO VISIT
SPAIN.ON RETURN FROM TOUR IN
SOUTH AMERICA.

London, Apr. 9.
On the Prince of Wales' return journey from his South American tour, he will visit the King and Queen of Spain at Madrid.

According to present plans, he will disembark from the liner Arlanza at Lisbon and complete the journey to England by air.

When the Prince started from England in January, he flew to Paris in his own machine, which was afterwards returned to the De Havilland Company to be sold as a new plane which he bought before leaving home for use in South America and which will accompany him across the Atlantic on the Arlanza.—*British Wireless.*

SINO-RUSSIAN
ISSUES.MOSCOW CONFERENCE NOW
RESUMED.

Makden, Apr. 9.
The third meeting of the Chinese and Russian delegates at the Moscow Conference for the settlement of outstanding Sino-Russian disputes and the Chinese Eastern Railway problem opens to-day.

This marks the first official meeting between General Moh Teh-hui, the chief Chinese delegate, and the Russian representatives since the former's return from China. Gen. Moh will put forward new suggestions which he has been authorised to do by Nanking.

CURRENCY INQUIRY
COMMISSION.Picture in To-Morrow's
Supplement.

Amongst more than twenty other pictures of topical interest appearing in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement will be a photographic group, specially taken for us, of the members of the Currency Commission now in Hongkong.

There will be many sporting illustrations, including the South China and South Wales Borderers football teams which met in the final of the Shield Competition, the Royal Navy senior and junior football teams, and also pictures taken at the Queen's College and St. Paul's College sports, as well as at the recent Race Meeting.

Students of Quarry Bay School will be seen taking part in the annual Spring Festival, whilst pictures will also appear of the wedding of Mr. Sai Wu Liang and Miss Mary Ho.

A picture of Union Church, Kowloon, and another of the office-bearers, will also appear, as well as some interesting Maeco pictures, including one of the arrival of the new Governor.

Other illustrations will include the launching of a new ferry-boat at Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Company's yard, and a group of the Lyceum Beams Concert Party.

HONGKONG RADIO
BROADCASTS.DETAILS OF THE MARCH
TRANSMISSIONS.

The report of the Hongkong Broadcasting Studio for the month of March shows that the actual hours of transmission totalled 262.75, of which 153 were devoted to European programmes and 109.75 to Chinese programmes, as follows:—Morning transmissions, including Commercial News and Church Relays, European 51 hours; Chinese 44 hours; evening transmissions, European 102 hours; Chinese 65.75 hours.

Monthly Percentage.—European,

58.23; Chinese 41.77.
During the month the following items were broadcast:—Running commentaries 2; dance programmes 6; European studio concerts 6; European relays 9; Chinese studio concerts 7; Chinese relays 5; European lectures 3; European children's programmes 4; Chinese children's programmes 4.

New Licences issued during
March, 48.

Several tools belonging to the contractor engaged on the upper dam at Aberdeen were stolen from the tool store which was broken into between 10 p.m. on the 4th inst. and 6 a.m. on the 5th. The total value of the tools was stated by Mr. Miran, engineer in charge of work, to be \$163.

SERIOUS CHARGE

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her boy. An allegation was then made by him against the defendant, who was frequently in the office. The cooie said that on that day when the cover was made up for mailing to Mr. Summers, Simon was there and as he (the messenger boy) went out to post it, Simon also went out and rang for the lift. He (the messenger boy) took the opportunity to descend by the lift.

As they went down together, Simon took the letter from his hand, and when they had got down to the ground floor, he also took a fountain pen from the cooie's breast pocket, placed the letter against a pillar and wrote something on a piece of paper. The pen had run out of ink, and Simon got a pencil from the cooie with which he went on with his writing. He then made a sign to the cooie that he would post the letter himself. The cooie went across with him to the Post Office, later coming away when he saw the defendant entering the building. A few minutes later, the cooie saw Simon return to Union Building, where he entered the lift and ascended, to which floor the cooie could not say.

The evidence in support of the cooie's story, said Inspector Shannon, was that as the stenographer put the registered in the office envelope for mailing to Mr. Summers at Canton, made some remark to the effect that the money had arrived from Shanghai at last, and that she would say that Simon left the office immediately after the cooie. That was about the only corroboration.

When the messenger was questioned by Mr. Summers, he gave a description of the defendant, who, it appears, was well-known to him, having visited the office frequently, being at a loose end.

Mr. Summers' Evidence.

Mr. A. W. Summers gave evidence corroborating Inspector Shannon's opening statement. He stated, in reply to the Magistrate, that he had mentioned the question of the cheque within the hearing of the defendant possibly three times. He had known Simon since March 10, when Simon was introduced to him by one of the Company's pilots. Simon made an unofficial application to join the Company as a pilot, and as he had to enquire from the Head Office. "It was in my office quite frequently, probably every other day. I treated him as a friend and went out with him at night time," said witness.

After evidence was given by other witnesses, including the stenographer and the cooie, the case was adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

SCHNEIDER CUP
SECRET.

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mystery enveloped the whole subject.

It was impossible to discover what startling schemes, if any, were being hatched; all one can say is that the Ministry, with its studiously blank expression and non-committal remarks, had all the manners of a person with a no-trump hand.

No news whatever as to machines or training of pilots could be vouchsafed and he was informed that anything already published was at the risk of the individual writers and probably all inaccurate.

The mystery, therefore, remains. One thing only seems certain: that such elaborate precautions to prevent the cat escaping must indicate that there is something in the bag. What it is—in terms of m.p.h.—probably no one, not even the men experimenting on the Lake of Berre, is as yet in a position to say.

SZECHUAN OUTLOOK
IMPROVES.GENERALS TO MEET IN
CONFERENCE.

Shanghai, Apr. 9.
The civil strife in Northern Szechuan, which at one time threatened to assume serious proportions, has taken a brighter turn, with prospects of an early settlement.

A peace conference to be participated in by all military leaders has been summoned under the auspices of General Liu Hsiang and General Liu Wan-hui. The former has sent out circular telegrams urging all military commanders to cease fighting immediately, to return to their respective territories, and then meet at the peace conference.

Gen. Yang Sen, who was supporting one of the major military parties in the struggle for supremacy, has signified his intention of taking part in the conference.

WAITING CAR
RESTRICTION.

NEW ACTION.

To reduce the inconvenience to traffic by vehicles waiting to load or unload, or picking up or setting down passengers, the Ministry of Transport is making new regulations applying to certain scheduled London streets.

These provide that—
Between noon and 7 p.m. on Monday to Friday, and noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, vehicles may not wait longer than is necessary for people to board or alight;

There shall be no loading or unloading in a scheduled street where it can be done in a neighbouring street;

Vehicles shall not stand for more than 15 minutes where loading or unloading must be performed in a scheduled street.

No vehicle will be allowed to wait while the driver is taking refreshment, canvassing for orders, &c.

The first scheduled includes Piccadilly-circus, Hammersmith-broadway, and parts of Brixton-road.

The restrictions named also apply to streets in the second schedule (including part of Kensington High-street, Charing Cross-road, the Strand, and New Bond-street), except that there will be no time limit upon vehicles loading or unloading.

Without Licences.
There are difficulties in ensuring a supply of application forms to owners and operators of public service vehicles.

The Minister of Transport has, therefore, decided to allow owners and operators to take advantage of the provisions of the order during the transitional period without public service vehicle licences and road service licences, provided that the necessary applications were lodged before March 31.

RAILWAY LIGHTING
CONTRACT.BIG ORDER FOR BRITISH
COMPANY.

The General Electric Co., Ltd., announces having been successful in securing a contract from the London Midland & Scottish Railway Co. for twelve months' supply of Osram lamps of the standard and train lighting type.
This contract will absorb many thousands of lamps, and as they are made entirely at the G. E. Co. works at Hammersmith and Wembley they will provide steady employment for a large number of skilled workers for many months. In this respect it may be observed that a new type of train lighting lamp has recently been developed which will greatly improve the lighting of trains without in any way increasing the cost or taxing the generating system.

LOCAL ESTATES.

PROBATE AND LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION.

Look Cheung-oy, alias Joemy G., alias Luk Tak-man, alias Luk On Yip Tong, who died at Chik Lang village, Sun Wui District, Kwangtung, on August 28, 1930, left Hongkong estate worth \$8,100. Probate has been granted to the widow, Luk Lam-shi, alias Lam Fung-kuen, who is temporarily residing at No. 222, Wanchai Road, Hongkong. She is the sole executrix appointed in the will, and the bequests are of a family nature.

Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$4,100 was left by Leo Leung, alias Lee Ho-lau, grocer, who died intestate at Siu Tong Lung Wan Village, Sun Wui District, Kwangtung, on November 7, 1930. Letters of administration have been granted to a son, Leo Chong, who is temporarily residing at No. 156, Des Voeux Road West.

CHINESE BUDGET
PROBLEM.TAXES ON SALT TO BE
INCREASED.

Shanghai, Apr. 9.
The Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, has made a statement that as a result of the abolition of likin and all irregular taxes, together with the postponement of the enforcement of new excise-taxes, the Chinese Government will be deprived of annual revenues amounting to \$30,000,000.
As a result, the Government is about to launch a rigid retrenchment scheme in the civil administration to balance the National Budget and to increase the tax on salt.

Revenue Officer Tallon, before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged Chu Yick-man with possession of fifty tials of raw opium at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station. The accused admitted the charge and a fine of \$1,500 or six months' imprisonment was imposed.

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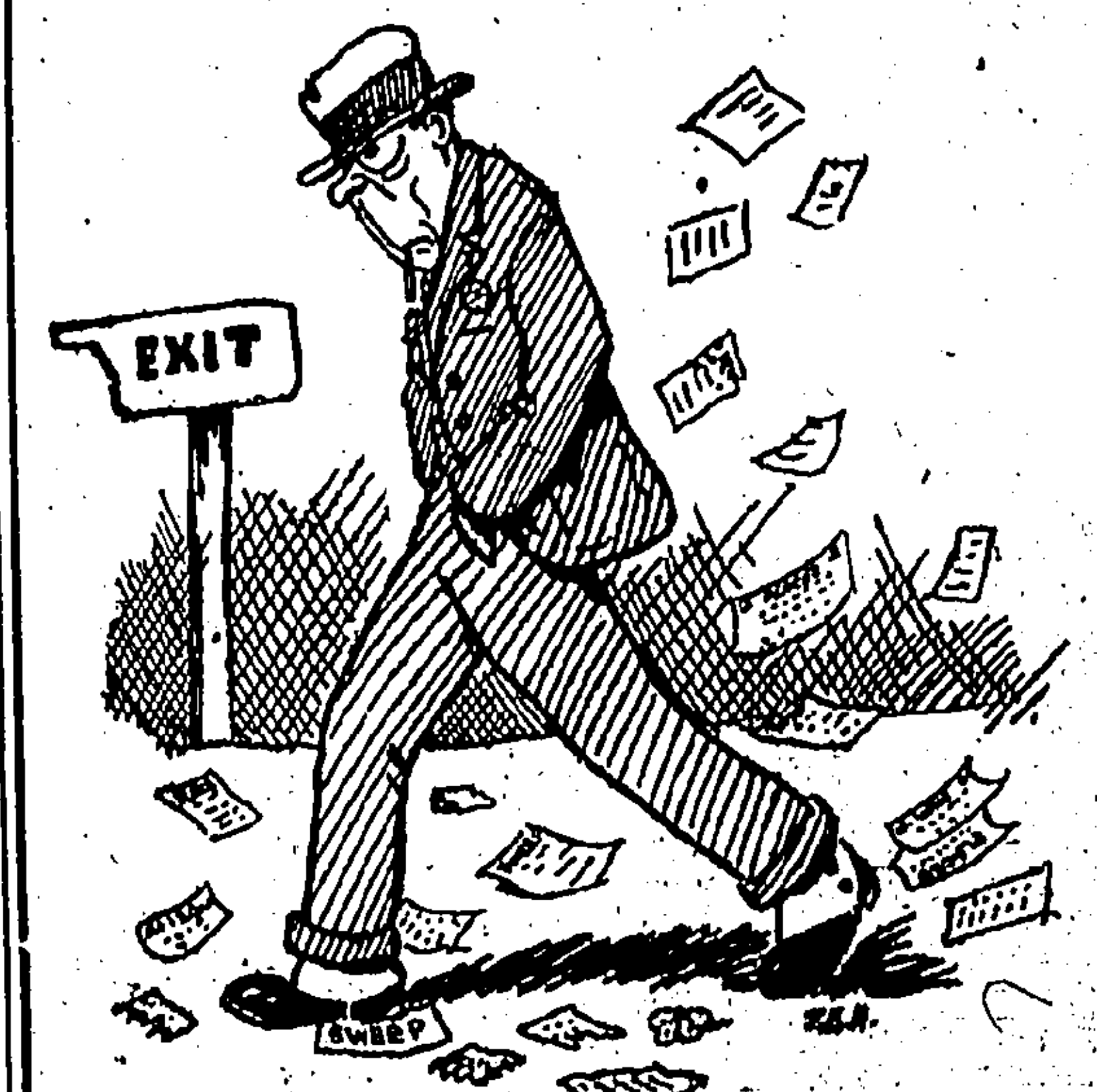
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In view of the phenomenal success of the pianoforte recital by Youra Guller this week, the Hongkong Musical Society has arranged another performance by the visiting artist. This will be at the Helena May Institute at 9.20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. Tickets are \$4.40 and \$3.50, and may be obtained in advance from the Secretary of the Institute.

The attention of the public is drawn to the notice issued by the Inspector General of Police and published in this issue that who driveage work is in progress in Pedder Street, opposite Gloucester Building, a part of the parking space reserved for the public. All traffic must proceed with caution.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

DECIDING MATCH FOR SOUTH CHINA?

TWO POINTS NEEDED.

(By "Wanderer".)

The last remaining doubts, if any, regarding the destination of Senior League honours are likely to be removed to-morrow when South China play the Argyls for the two points necessary to place them in an impregnable position.

There is a full Senior League schedule, the most important other game being the meeting of Kowloon and the Royal Navy at Kowloon.

The fixture list follows:

Senior League.

South China v. Argyls.—Caroline Hill, 4.30.
S. W. Borderers v. R. Artillery.—Chatham Road, 4.30.
Kowloon v. Royal Navy.—Kowloon, 4.30.
H.K.F. Club v. Police.—Club ground, 4.30.
Chinese Ath. v. Recreio.—Stadium, 4.30.

Second Division.

Argyls v. Eastern.—Chatham Road, 3 p.m.
Club Reserves v. South China.—Club, 3 p.m.

When South China and the Argyls met at Sookanpoo last November, the league leaders won sensationally by seven goals to one, obtaining four goals in the first ten minutes. It is not anticipated that they will secure such an overwhelming success at this second meeting, indeed the Argyls are expected to put up a good fight. South China should, however, win.

Kowloon are trying out a new right-winger to partner Doniney, who made a first and successful appearance last week, for their game against the Navy to-morrow. A keen game should result. At the Stadium, the Navy defeated Kowloon by 1-0 after an exciting game, and it is expected that the result will be reversed to-morrow.

Athletic should obtain points at the expense of the Recreio, if the latter team take the trouble to turn out, while the Borderers should have little difficulty in climbing the table at the expense of the R.A. Their recent Shield-games, the remarkable score of 11 goals to 4. The Club and Police are fairly evenly matched, and a drawn game would not come as a surprise.

Probable teams include:
Kowloon:—Angus, Martin, Dowman, Healey, McKelvie, Bliss, Caplen, Doniney, Gillott, Grimwood, Lawson. Reserves: Pile, Simpson, Whitfield.
South China:—Pau Ka-ping, Li Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Leung Yin-chun, Leung Wing-chiu, Tong Kwai, Chen Sui-hong, Chu Kwok-luen, Fung King-chung, Lee Wai-tong, and Ip Pak-wai.

Argyls:—Hunter; Blackburn, Henderson; McGlashan, Hay, Melville; Christie, McTavish, Louden, McQuade and Hughes. Police:—McCarthy; Wynne and Fenkin; Thorpe, Brittain, and Shepherd; Carruthers, Wheeler, Cornwall, Oran and Bentley. Reserve: Minty and Scott. Club Reserves:—Fogwell; Sloan and Hynes; Funcheson, Macfarlane, and Stoker; Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson and Fowler. Reserves:—Hooper and Tavlin.

GAMES POSTPONED.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AGAIN SPOILS TENNIS.

The inclement weather again interfered with the open tennis matches which were down for decision yesterday afternoon, the matches being postponed. Several Club tournament games, however, were played. The results were as follow:

Handicap Singles "B".
T. J. Price (owe 15) beat H. Keyserling (owe 4/0) 6-2 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.
H. R. Remington and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes (owe 2/0) beat Mr. and Mrs. C. W. E. Bishop (Scr) 6-4, 6-4; T. C. Monaghan and Mrs. C. P. F. James (owe 4/0) beat S. O. Hill and Mrs. Orme (rec 2/0) 7-5, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.
C.A.L. Rumjahn v. H. N. Chau.

Open Doubles.
S. A. and H.D. Rumjahn v. E. C. and E. F. Fincher (stand Court).

Handicap Singles "A".
L. Forster (owe 15/2) v. A. D. Raworth (owe 4/0).

Handicap Doubles.
H. F. Foley and Dr. J. H. Montgomery (owe 3/0) v. G. R. Sayer and Humphreys (owe 15).

Mixed Doubles.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker (rec 2/0) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (Scr).

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.04 E. J. Nunro & J. B. Lanyon.
9.16 Not to be booked by those arriving by train.
9.20 G. E. R. Divett & G. R. Horridge.
9.24 G. A. Macfadyen & A. N. Macfadyen.
9.28 A. W. Hay Edie & R. H. Dowler.
9.32 I. W. Shewan & A. H. Ferguson.
9.36 F. H. Crapnell & P. S. Grant.
9.40 R. H. Wild & G. W. Tate.
9.44 R. Ritchie & V. R. Gordon.
9.48 J. E. Richardson & J. G. Campbell.
9.52 K. K. Rounds & G. T. Thach.
9.56 F. Groves & E. Stone.
10.00 A. C. I. Bowker & A. H. Penn.
10.04 E. F. Fletcher & J. Forbes.
10.08 E. A. Crowe & J. S. Lee.
10.12 D. F. C. Cleland & S. J. H. Fox.
10.16 W. N. Buyers & A. M. Parker.
10.20 C. H. Burton & S. A. Sleep.
10.24 C. B. Terdre & F. C. Black.
10.28 E. J. Dowley & G. W. Garrett.
10.32 G. T. May & A. J. R. Wolf.
10.36 R. C. Wood & I. D. Lenox.
10.40 R. M. Wood & I. D. Lenox.
10.44 W. S. Hillier & J. Jones.
10.48 J. S. Dykes & W. A. Weight.
10.52 D. L. King & W. M. Barton.
10.56 G. B. Lane & L. C. Grover.
11.00 C. E. Gahagan & G. G. Stopani-Thomson.
11.04 A. E. & P. A. Redmond.
11.08 W. C. Shields & W. R. Vallance.
11.12 W. D. Harris & H. Lowe.
11.16 G. C. Leiper & D. J. Gilmore.
11.20 W. J. S. Key & N. K. Littlejohn.
11.24 S. T. Butlin & F. Label.
11.28 G. G. Johnston & W. W. Mac.
11.32 N. S. Ellis & O. H. M. Andrew.
11.36 B. D. Evans & J. E. Dovey.
11.40 F. Young & H. T. Buxton.
11.44 J. Whyte & H. Hampton.
11.48 A. D. Humphreys & O. Eager.

SUICIDE FAILURE OF STRONG SWIMMER.

POLICE CHASE FOLLOWS DIVE FROM SEINE BRIDGE.

Paris, Mar. 15.
The inadvisability for strong swimmers to commit suicide by drowning was illustrated in Paris yesterday. At about ten o'clock in the morning a man walked down to the Pont de la Concorde, took off his coat, laid it carefully folded on the parapet and jumped into the Seine.

A few seconds later the crowd of horrified spectators were astonished to see the suicide appear again swimming strongly downstream.

Some river police immediately embarked in a boat and set off to the rescue. This, however, proved anything but an easy job, as each time the rescuers came within reach of the swimmer and were about to fish him out of the river he dived under water and came up again, still in full flight, ten or fifteen yards away.

The suicide was eventually hooked five bridges below the point which he had chosen for his watery grave. He appeared none the worse for the bath, but is suspected of mental derangement, and is now in a hospital under medical observation.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.22½	124.25
Geneva	125.11½	125.11
Berlin	20.41	20.40½
Oslo	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	193½	193½
Buenos Aires	39.1/16	39.1/16
Athens	37½	37½
Shanghai	1/2½	1/2½
New York	4.85.20/32	4.85.1/32
Amsterdam	12.11½	12.11½
Stockholm	81.15	81.14
Vienna	34.55½	34.56½
Madrid	44	44
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	35	34½
Hongkong	11½	11½
Brussels	34.92½	34.92½
Copenhagen	18.16½	18.16½
Milan	92.81½	92.83½
Prague	164	164½
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3.19/32	3.12/32
Hombay	1/5.12/10	1/5.12/10
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.12/32
Silver (spot)	12½	12.15/16
.. (forward) 12.11/16		12.15/16

—British Wireless.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

There will be a match in the Caer Clarke Cup Competition between the Kowloon Ladies Hockey Club and the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club to-morrow at Sookunpoo, commencing at 4.15 p.m. The teams will be as follows:

Kowloon:—D. Avenall, A. Fowler, B. Hirst, M. Groundwater, E. Both, D. Pinguet, D. Hunt, D. Smith, M. George, M. Martin and P. Hunt.

Hongkong:—G. Little, E. Gray, J. Smalley, E. O'Hagan, B. M. Pope, M. Wallace, I. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson, M. Bishop.

Messrs. Gilman and Co. Ltd., advertise that they have been appointed distributors for Messrs. Rootes Limited (Humber and Hillman cars) for Hongkong and South China, and invite enquiries for delivery either in Hongkong or England.

DR. SCHACHT LOOKS FORWARD.

ULTIMATUM TO THE ALLIES?

END OF REPARATIONS.

Under the sinister title of "The End of Reparations," Dr. Schacht, the former President of the Reichsbank, has published a volume of closely-packed and illuminating information which must be regarded as one of the highest political importance. It is at the same time his own Apologia and a violent attack upon Dr. Stresemann.

The attack is all the more dangerous as the name of the dead statesman is not mentioned. But Dr. Schacht shows in letters, now published for the first time, that when he was summoned to the Paris Conference binding promises had been made by the Muller Cabinet beforehand to the Agent-General of the Dawes Committee, Mr. Parker Gilbert, that Germany would pay annuities of two milliard marks a year. In reply to his exhortation that had he known this he would never have gone to Paris as financial adviser, the Cabinet replied that the main object of the conference was the evacuation of the Rhineland and better relations with France. Dr. Schacht's contention to-day is that business men would have driven a better bargain, and that Germany cannot fulfil the obligations laid upon her.

Finance and Policy.

The opinion of financial experts upon this book, so lucidly written that every layman can understand it, is that Dr. Schacht is always right on financial matters and always wrong upon political ones. This was displayed in particular when he underestimated "the importance" of the Rhineland evacuation for Germany. Of imponderables he understands nothing. But of money he understands everything, and the only pity was that, in endeavouring to push his point, he over-estimated the importance of the post of Reichsbank president.

Most people qualified to judge consider that his arguments to-day are likely to further the cause of the rabid Nationalists in Germany. Always in the nature of a high explosive, he has chosen a moment to publish certain admirably expressed and unanswerable arguments regarding Germany's payments which can only be dangerous if they are put into practice. He has, in fact, written a very inflammable book, calculated to do damage because it is so good of its kind.

"The Tribute Problem."

Dr. Schacht's main argument is summed up in the following words: How shall a foreign banker or private capitalist have confidence in a country which has not been able for the past twelve years to pay even one single pfennig of these Reparations out of its own economic resources? As long as the obligation to pay continues and the world is not certain that ways and means are ascertainable by which Germany makes these reparations in the way of normal economic activity, she will possess no credit abroad. We shall neither get on our feet again, economically nor solve the social problems that grow more threatening from day to day as long as the Tribute problem remains unsolved. The co-operation of the other countries, as exacted by the Young Plan, has not yet followed. If it is refused any longer this implies the end of Reparations.

Dr. Schacht suggests as remedy for the impoverishment and gradual exhaustion of Germany—which would prevent her even repaying credits given privately—an ultimatum to the Allies to be made by those responsible for Germany's foreign policy. Either the obligations taken over by the Allies in the Young Plan must be kept to the letter or Reparation payments must stop. He considers that those who put off the evil day and try to gloss over matters are merely storing up grave trouble ahead.

Aid for the Hitlerites.

He has several remedies for the present conditions. He would like to see Wilson's Fourteen Points really put into practice, and believes that the world's chaos can only be solved by a moral re-birth which would make this possible. Discussing concrete questions, he refutes the arguments of those who think that colonies cost too much, and says the return of the colonies would go a long way towards putting the country on its feet again.

Germany is conscious that she owes Dr. Schacht a great deal. He was at the head of the Reichsbank at the worst period of financial uncertainty, when national affairs were in a permanent state of crisis. For this reason, his opinions on financial questions carry more weight than those of any other man to-day in Germany. This use of arguments propounded by the Hitler and Hugenberg groups is of extraordinary propaganda value to those parties.

BOGUS BISHOP CHARGES.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON SIR LOUIS BARON.

Frank Oswald Charteris, described as a company director, who has already been remanded on a charge of obtaining £50 from Viscount Cowdray by representing himself to be the Bishop of the Falkland Islands, again appeared at North London Police Court, and was charged with obtaining £50 from Sir Louis Baron by false pretences.

It was alleged that on this occasion he represented himself to be the Bishop of Coventry.

Sir Louis Baron, giving evidence, stated that Charteris called on him in his office on December 18, dressed as a Bishop. He said that he was the Bishop of Coventry.

"He said that he was formerly chaplain and secretary to the late Archbishop of Canterbury," added Sir Louis, "and that he was making an appeal on behalf of the Rescue of Fallen Girls. He told me of several cases, and mentioned that he was getting situations for them. His appeal was a very strong one, and it impressed me very much."

Sir Louis added that he called one of his directors to his office, and the conversation was repeated to him.

"I told the man that I was interested, and that the best thing he could do would be to write to me and give me information of what he was doing," added Sir Louis. "He said he would, and then he left."

On December 29 he received a letter written on Carlton Hotel notepaper.

"White Slave Traffic."
Mr. Sanders, prosecuting, produced the letter, and read the following extracts from it:

"I know you do not require me to set forth in detail the work and difficulties we are encountering at the present time. You, I know, realise the extreme urgency of our present financial position. In the most important work of the rescue of possible victims of the dreaded white slave traffic."

"I know my call upon you will not be in vain. When I saw you I had collected £2,833 towards the £5,000 I aim for. I am glad to tell you I have now reached the total of £3,400, for which I sincerely thank you Lord and the very generous donors who have subscribed."

Mr. Sanders added that a further letter was received by Sir Louis written on Carlton Hotel paper with the address 31, Portadown-road, written on it. This letter acknowledged Sir Louis's cheque, and referred to the writer being "touched and delighted by such kindly assistance."

Mr. Sanders (to Sir Louis)—Did you, in fact, believe at that time that he was a Bishop?—Yes, I believed he was a Bishop until a few days ago.
Charteris was committed for trial at the London Sessions.

On foreign countries his opinions are divided fairly equally into the political and the financial. He regards it, for instance, as one of the greatest achievements of England's post-war history that the pound sterling was restored to its gold parity without any financial manipulation of any kind. On the other hand, he states that England's greatest moral handicap for regaining her position abroad has been her disregard of the laws of private property in warfare—the worst blow which has been dealt our entire civilisation."

THE "FASTIDIOUS" SALMON.

AMUSING STORY OF BRIDGE BUILDING "HOLD-UP."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Transport, speaking at a luncheon at Derby after opening the new Derwent Bridge told a story of how the presence of salmon in a river caused controversy about the material to be used for building a bridge.

"It was found," he said, "that the most convenient and economical form of construction was reinforced concrete. The designers, were, however, warned that owing to the extreme fastidiousness of the salmon reinforced concrete would be unacceptable; that the salmon were prejudiced against reinforced concrete, and would refuse to return to the river if it were adopted."

"I understand that in the long run the objection of the salmon was over-ruled and that the fish are now reconciled to the appearance of the new bridge. It is, indeed, reported that salmon are more plentiful in that river now than before the bridge was constructed."

Mr. Morrison added that under road and bridge building, a total expenditure was contemplated of £27,500,000. Under the "Trunk Road" programme the total expenditure contemplated fixed, to £21,000,000.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 15th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9½d.

The marriage took place at the Peak Church of Mr. A. O. Lang and Miss E. M. Lova.

The A.D.C. gave a successful presentation of "Mice and Men." Under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society, a most enjoyable concert was given at the City Hall, these contributing including Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Gordon and Mr. C. K. Lloyd.

The appearance of a Japanese military band in the Public Gardens raised the question of the desirability of regular promenade concerts.

FAREWELL AT NAVAL DOCK CLUB.

PRESENTATION TO CDR HUNT AND MR. BENHAM.

Opportunity was taken at a concert at the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club on Wednesday night, of saying farewell to Surgeon-Commander F. G. Hunt and Mr. E. E. Benham, Superintendent electrical engineer, who are leaving the Colony after three years' service. Mr. W. Bickford (chairman) presented Mr. Benham with an opium stove and china set the gift of the Dockyard Club, while Mr. S. R. Tickner, Chief Constructor, gave Surgeon-Commander Hunt a travelling trunk, on behalf of the officers and staff.

Artists who took part in the concert were Mr. W. R. Fleming, Dick Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Cornhill, Mr. H. Anslas, Mr. W. H. Bailey and Mr. W. Gill.

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ARMY ATHLETICS.

SOUTH WALES BORDERERS SPORTS MEETING.

Two battalions in the local garrison, the South Wales Borderers and the 3/9th Jat Regiment, held their regimental sports yesterday, some very keen contests being witnessed.

The South Wales Borderers athletic meet was concluded on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday afternoon. The meet was continued from Wednesday, when, owing to the bad weather conditions, it had to be put off for yesterday morning, after four events had been completed.

Keen competition marked all the events yesterday, and good sport was witnessed. Private James did well to win both the long distance track events for individuals, while the tug-of-war event was won by the Headquarters Wing Company.

The distribution of prizes will take place at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday on the Murray Parade ground.

The full results of the meeting are as follows:

100 yards (Individuals):—1, Pte. Rees; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte. Wakeford.

Inter-Company Relay Race:—1, D. M. G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

200 yards (Individuals):—1, Pte. Rees; 2, Lt. Barlow; 3, Pte. Wakeford.

One Mile Team Championship:—1, D. M. G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

440 yards (Individuals):—1, Pte. James; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte. Johnson.

High Jump (Individuals):—1, Lt. Craswell; 2, Pte. Channing; 3, Pte. Vallis.

High Jump (team):—1, "B" Co.; 2, Headquarters Wing Co.; 3, "C" Co.

880 yards team relay race:—1, D. M. G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Long Jump (Individuals):—1, Pte. Vallis; 2, Pte. Althardson; 3, Drummer Mathias.

Long Jump (team):—1, Headquarters Wing Co.; 2, "C" Co.; 3, D. M. G. Co.

100 yards relay team race:—1, D. M. G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Putting the shot (Individuals):—1, Drummer Jones; 2, Lt. Hamilton; 3, Pte. Rees.

Putting the shot (team):—1, Headquarters Wing Co.; 2, D. M. G. Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Hurdles team race:—1, "A" Co.; 2, "C" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Sergeants Race:—1, Sergeant Hyde; 2, Sergeant Harris.

220 yards team race:—1, D. M. G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Pole Jump:—1, Cpl. Ford; 2, Pte. Johnson; 3, Pte. Pole.

880 yards (Individuals):—1, Pte. James; 2, Lance Cpl. Palmer; 3, Pte. Johnson.

Tug-of-war:—Headquarters Wing Co.

Indian Sports.

The 3/9th Jat Regiment, at present stationed at Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon, held their regimental sports, at King's Park yesterday afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and a very interesting afternoon ensued.

The meeting was held under the patronage of Lt.-Col. J. G. Lecky, Officer Commanding the Battalion.

The officials of the course were:—Referee, Major W. L. Hailes M.C.; Committee, Capt. W. M. Morgan M.C. and Capt. R. A. Johnson (Hon. Sec.); Judges, Capt. H. V. Bragg M.C., Capt. M. J. O'Connor, Capt. C. E. Penny, Lieut. R. J. Stevens, Subadar, Lal Khan, Jemadar, Nur Dad and Jemadar Jug Lal; Starter, Capt. W. M. Morgan M.C.; A.M.; Clerk of the Course, C. H. M. Allah Dhad.

Among the many spectators were, Col. Skinner, R.E., Lt.-Col. Russell, R.A.M.C., Col. Lang, R.A.P.C., Major and Mrs. Cressy, R.A., Lt.-Col. Thoms, R.A., Major Bennett, A. and S. Highlanders, and Lt.-Col. Stokes, R.A.O.C. and Mrs. Stokes.

The Indian troops sitting around the ground in their white civilian robes made an impressive scene.

The Regimental Pipe Band was in attendance, and played during the afternoon.

The results of the racing prior to the tea interval were:

880 yds. Relay: 1, A Coy; 2, B Coy.

100 yds. Strings: 1, A Coy; 2, B Coy.

220 yds. Relay: 1, B Coy; 2, A Coy.

Open Medley of 440, 220, 880, 220 yds. proved an easy win for the 2nd A. & S. Highlanders (Cpl. Reid, L/Cpl. Whitley, L/Cpl. Craig, Pte. McCratten). Runners up, 20th H. Bty., R.A.

One Mile Team Race.—1, A Coy; 2, B Coy.

British Officers versus Indian Officers.—A feature of this race was

THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 10/81 Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D. S. O., O. D. E., Commanding Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hongkong, Apr. 10.
Parades.

Corps Band:—The Corps Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall on Tuesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 16, at 5.30 p.m., for practice.

The Corps Band will parade at Headquarters on Friday, April 17, at 7.30 p.m.

Engineer Company:—Monday, April 13, Miniature Range 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Company:—All rifles and bayonets must be returned to corps stores before April 16. Platoon sergeants will be held responsible for their respective platoons carrying out this order.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:—Battery, Corps Signals, Machine Gun Troop, Armoured Car Company—car section and motor cycle section—Scottish Company, Machine Gun Company.

Reserve Company Personnel.

Allotment to Units:—Replies to a circular letter from O.C. Reserve Company have been received from the following, and as a result, they have been allotted to units as shown against their names for all purposes:—Unit allotted to:

No. 64 Pte. F. Cullen, to Armoured Car Company.

No. 1370 L/Sgt. J. Murray, to Engineer Company.

No. 464 Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett, to Engineer Company.

Struck Off the Strength.

Having completed three years' Service:

No. 1271 Pte. T. Williams, Reserve Company, as from 10.4.31.

Having left the Colony:

No. 1261 Pte. D. L. Keith, Reserve Company, as from 31.3.31.

Permitted to resign:

No. 1404 Bdm. P. N. Fuentes, Corps Band, as from 19.2.31.

Leave.

No. 464 Pte. V.H.C. Jarrett, Reserve Company, granted 15 days' leave from 27.3.31 to 11.4.31.

No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yek Him, Medical Section granted 8 days' leave from 10th to 17th April, 1931.

W. H. G. GOATER, CAPTAIN,
Adjutant, H. K. V. D. C.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.

RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY JAPANESE EMPEROR.

Tokyo, Apr. 9.

General Sir Arthur Currie who is visiting Japan, having come from India on his way to Canada, had an audience with the Emperor this morning, and saluted this afternoon for Vancouver.

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the putting out of a hand by the winning British Officer to his Indian opponent, so that both might arrive at the winning post together.

N. W. Frontier Dance.

After this race, the "Hanzara," a North-West Frontier Dance, was displayed by four Indians, the Dhol and Surnai or better known to Europeans as the dumdum and flute, being the accompanying orchestra.

Then came a very amusing display of the "Lewis Gun" in action. This comprised of two men being "concocted" as Lewis guns.

Chinese crackers supplied the means of ammunition, and mess tins the Lewis gun magazine. This display was much enjoyed by the spectators.

After tea, the events continued, resulting as follows:

440 yards Relay.—1, A Coy; 2, B Coy.

Spectators' Event.—The winners were Miss Stokes, and Major Halles, 3/9th Jats. This event was the cutting of a ½ inch tape, 4½ inches long, with a pair of curved finger-nail scissors.

Pogal Race.—Headquarters won this amusing race of three legged-wheel barrow and sack events.

Old Soldiers' Race.—1, Mohammed Hassan; 2, Karan Bux; 3, Jug Lal.

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Band-The Bullfighters March. Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. DB364.

Planoforte Solo-Ever-Green Selection.

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Billy Mayerl. DB330.

Humorous Song-Suppose! Josephine Baker. DB401.

Song-Thinkin' of Mary. Hubert Eisdell (Tenor). DB307.

Humorous Duet-Pass! Shoot! Goal! Humorous Duet-If You Can't Sing, Whistle.

The Two Gilberts. MR285.

Planoforte Solo-Blue Roses.

Planoforte Solo-Stand Up And Sing. Billy Mayerl. DB406.

Vocal Duet-Old Fashioned Girl. Vocal Duet-Never Swat A Fly. Layton and Johnston. DB377.

Song-Cries of Old London. Emmie Joyce (Soprano). DB400.

8.00 p.m. Weather Report. Local Time, etc.

7.45-8.15 p.m. Operatic. Orchestral-Faust (Gounod).

Prelude. Orchestral-Faust (Gounod)-Valse. Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9878.

Song-Fredelia (Lehar)-Why Did You Kiss My Heart Awake? I Love Him So-God Has Sent A Lovely Day.

Lea Seidl (Soprano). DX131.

Song-Tannhauser-O Star of Eve (Wagner).

Song-Carmen-The Toreador Song (Bizet).

Harold Williams (Baritone) with B. B. C. Chorus. 9873.

8.15-9.00 p.m. Orchestral and Band Music.

Tangredi-Overture (Rossini). B. B. C. Wireless Military Band. DX150.

The Clock and the Dresden Figures (Ketelbey).

Wedgwood Blue (Ketelbey).

In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey).

Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra. Fingal's Cave-Overture (Mendelssohn).

New Queen's Hall Orch. 9843.

Concerto Grosso In D Minor (Vivaldi).

Zurich Tonhalle Orch. 9823.

9.00-9.14 p.m. Organ Solos.

What Good Am I Without You? Wedding Bells Are Ringing For Sally.

Reginald Fort. DB407.

Great Day-Medley. Terence Casey. DB381.

Love In The Rough-Medley. Terence Casey. DB381.

9.14-10.15 p.m. Concert Items.

Violin Solo-Oriental (Cui).

Violin Solo-Valse Bluette (Drigo). Efrim Zimbalist. M181.

Song-She Wandered Down The Mountain Side (Stephenson and Clay).

Dora Labette (Soprano). 9677.

Cello Solo-Andante Religioso (Thome).

Cello Solo-Melodie (Gluck and Squire).

W. H. Squire. L2060.

Song-Roll On Thou Deep And Dark Blue Ocean (Dale and Patrie).

Song-Simon The Cellarer (Bellamy and Hutton).

Norman Allen (Bass). 9807.

Violin Solo-Burleska (Suk).

Efrim Zimbalist. 2191.

Organ Solo-At The Temple Gates (Gatty Selars). DB392.

Vocal Duet-The Battle Eve (Southey and Bonhour).

Hubert Eisdell and Norman Allen. DX79.

Octet-Nocturne In E Flat (Chopin).

Octet-Liebestraum (Dream of Love) (Liszt).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9142.

Song-Love, The Pedlar (Battersby and German).

Doris Vano (Soprano). 9829.

10.15-10.30 p.m. Planoforte Solos.

Etude In G Flat-Study On The Sauto Etude (Chopin).

Prelude In C Minor (Rachmaninoff). Victor Scholier. 2262.

Waltz In G Flat (Chopin).

Wiegand (Cradle Song) (Schubert-Godowsky).

Jose Echaniz. 2358.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

Medley Relay, 220, 440, 220, 440 yards.—1, B Coy; 2, A Coy.

"B" Company proved the Champion Company, winning the Battalion Challenge Cup.

The meeting closed with the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Lecky.

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DECIDED VIEWS OF A
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SUGGESTION MADE.

We have received the following letter on the usefulness of other-wise of the H. K. Volunteer Defence Corps, from a correspondent:

Sir—The annual inspection of the Volunteers has, I see, brought forth the perennial grouse against the "slackers" of the Colony, although the G.O.C. struck a new line of thought when he indicated that the census which had recently been taken will provide information making it possible to arrive at the number of those who are "evading their obligations to the British Empire." Just what the General is going to do about it when he gets this information, he does not say, but it is a nice idea anyway.

Now, as one who has not yet graduated into the Methuselah class, but who has nevertheless no intention of becoming a Volunteer in this Colony, I would beg the favour of your space to explain my reasons for my attitude.

I will preface my remarks by stating that for young men in their early twenties, I consider volunteering an excellent form of sport, and with a crowd of decent fellows, really good fun. What I object to, however, is the current military point of view towards volunteering, in its relation to the citizens of this Colony.

The late lamented holocaust that swept over Europe brought to light one very strong fact, and it is that "cannon fodder" can be manufactured at remarkably short notice. It may not be very good material, in the light of strict efficiency, but it was willing, and it was good enough for its purpose. This being so, I fail to see why presumably intelligent human beings should spend years of their life—and of their spare time—in learning to form fours, hit bull's-eyes, and so forth.

The type of man we have in the Volunteers—the type of man who is expected to become a Volunteer—is just the man who was told in the late war that it was his duty to take commissioned rank. He will be told the same thing in the next war, and in spite of any service he may have had

with institutions like the Volunteer Corps, he will still have to undergo a course of training (quite rightly) before he is put in command of men of his own. I maintain, therefore, that our Volunteer Corps, as it is constituted to-day, serves no useful purpose. We are told that in the event of a military emergency, the training one has received here would be of invaluable help, to which I venture to reply "Bosh!" In five days, any normal sergeant-major can knock as much into the average man's head as the Volunteer Corps could in five years! The conclusion is obvious, therefore, and it is that until the local Volunteers are organised more as an Officers' Cadet Corps, rather than as a regimental unit, the Corps is not fulfilling its real duty. To my way of thinking, every man in the Corps should be able to get out in front and drill his own Company, and at least sixty per cent. of the Corps should be able to put the entire Corps through battalion drill. Every man should be instructed in the rudiments of military history, and in the elements of tactics and strategy, with particular reference to the newer forms of warfare—mechanical, aerial, bacteriological, etc.

Another thing puzzles me in these "Volunteer" arguments, and it is that reference is always made to "military" emergencies. The life-blood of the Empire is its trade after all, but what would happen in the event of a "civil" emergency similar to the military ones always so much feared? Supposing an epidemic, by some strange freak of nature, were to lay low the majority of the business men of Hongkong; could the Army step in and keep the wheels of commerce revolving for us? Good fellows though they are, I doubt it. I would give much to see Lieutenant Dash frowning over a Bill of Lading, or wondering just what magic was involved in the entering and clearing of even the meanest tramp that sails the High Seas! Even more would I enjoy seeing Colonel Pom-Pom struggling with the intricacies of "double entry". At the moment, he probably imagines it has something to do with this new contract bridge, and he sleeps none the worse of nights for his belief!

I am aware that a certain few officers spend part of their time at places like the London School of Economics, where they are initiated into the mysteries of international law, economic science, etc. But the percentage of officers who

PRINCE BIBESCO PROGRESSES.

REACHES ROME ON FLIGHT TO SAIGON.

Rome, Apr. 9. Prince George Bibesco, who left Paris at 6.25 this morning on a flight to Saigon, has arrived here. He is accompanied on his flight by two Rumanian pilots and a British mechanic.—*Reuter.*

EUROPEAN PEACE.

JAPAN & ANGLO-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP.

Tokyo, Apr. 10. Editorially welcoming the report of the forthcoming visit of Herr Brauning and Herr Curtius to London and the British naval visit to Germany, the *Asahi* expresses delight at the increasing signs of Anglo-German friendship, which it believes will greatly assist the cause of peace in Europe.—*Reuter.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central between S. W. Japan and the Bonins. Moderating Monsoon over the North China Sea.

undergo such instruction is infinitely smaller than the percentage of Volunteers to non-Volunteers in this Colony. Likewise, they get leave of absence from their normal duties for such courses, which is more than the unfortunate—or enthusiastic, as you will—Volunteer gets for his parades.

No, Sir! When I see much-beribboned majors, and bright young subalterns, pouring over their books on Commercial Arithmetic at Night Schools in this Colony, then I shall be prepared to reconsider by views regarding Volunteering. Until then, however—Nothing Doing!

I am afraid that this is a lengthy epistle, Mr. Editor, but I think it is time someone blew up this bogey. Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.

P. S.—May I, in passing, be allowed to congratulate the Corps on its really excellent show last night?

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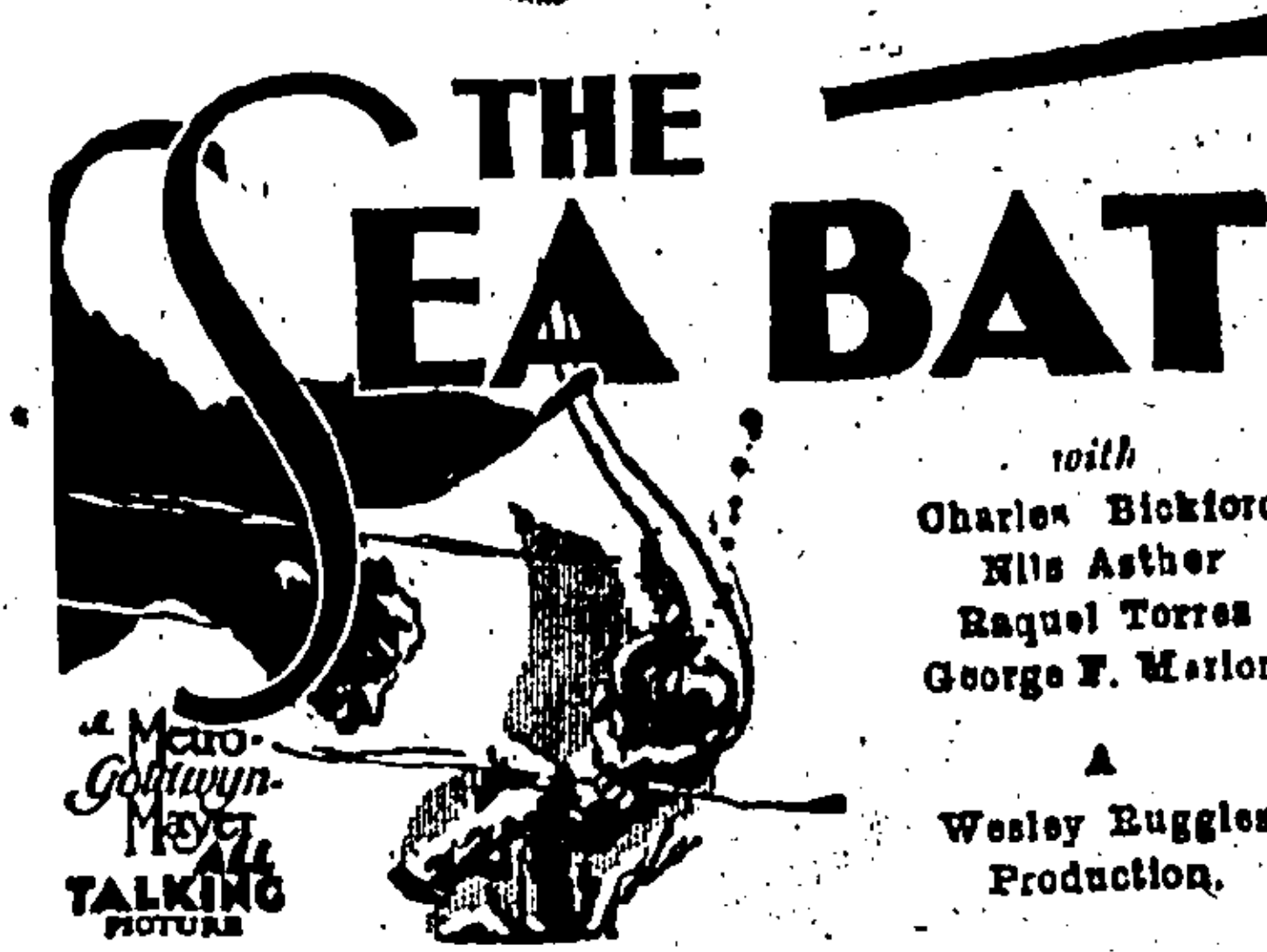
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